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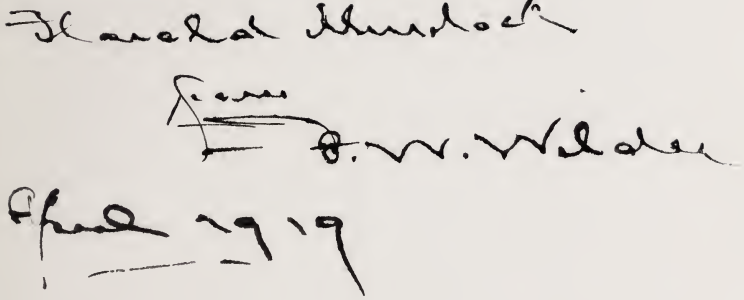

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THE CHURCH OF BAPTISED BRETHERIN

ROYALTON VERMONT

A RECORD OF ITS MEETINGS, CONFERENCES
AND COUNCILS FOR THE YEARS 1790
TO 1806; FROM THE ORIGINAL
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PREFACE

The manuscript of this story without beginning or end was borrowed and copied in 1917 for reasons purely personal and ancestral. The record, however, shows so vividly the church life of scattered farmers in an early Vermont community that it seems worthy of preservation as a document of minor historical importance and of human interest, even to those who have no kinship with the brethren and sisters who prayed and gave thanks together in their frequent meetings and who tormented each other with harassing questions of doctrine and discipline.

Mrs. Lovejoy in her History of Royalton, Vermont, says of "the chh. of Baptized Bretherin":

> "A record of this church is still in existence, but the first and last pages are missing, so that it is impossible to tell exactly when the church was first organized and when it ceased to exist. It was probably organized about 1790. Its origin was not due to dissensions in the Congregational church, for not one of its members was enrolled in that church. It was the outgrowth, apparently, of a felt need of an organization, where those who believed that baptism by sprinkling was no baptism at all and that they could not join in the administration of the Lord's Supper with those so baptized, could have church fellowship and the benefit of all church ordinances."

Since Mrs. Lovejoy saw the manuscript one or more of its pages must have disappeared, for the earliest date that now appears is November 11, 1790, and her quotations give an earlier date and entries which are now lost, as follows:

"The first recorded date is of an adjourned meeting, Oct. 27, probably in 1790, at Sharon at the "Scoole house a little south of Mr. Simeon hows." They voted to try to make out "£16. 17 0. for the chhes youce by Subscription by Equality." In order that it might be by "Equality" each gave in a list of his possessions. Most of this list is missing. . . .

Elder John Hibbard (Junior) had

88 acres of land, 22 improved

1 cow	2 hogs
1 yearling	1 horse
2 calves	11 sheep

60 bushels of wheat and corn.

He was in debt 6 pounds and had nothing due him. He had nine in his family.

Deacon John Billings had

130 acres, 30 improved	50 bushels of wheat
1 yoke of oxen	10 bush. rye
4 cows	70 bush. corn
3 yearlings	25 bush. oats
3 hogs	5 bush. peas
14 sheep	
1 horse	He owed 25 pounds more than
10 calves	was due him.
1 colt	

There were 11 in his family.

He subscribed 4 pounds.

John Hibbard Sr. owed as much as was due him. He had

1 horse
1 cow
8 sheep
About 400 pounds of tobacco

He subscribed 2 pounds.

Other members named were Dea. (Israel?) Waller, Daniel Leonard, Davis Ames, Jonathan - - -, Abraham W(aterman?)"

This is all we know of the beginning.

The end is suggested by the records of the Baptist Church of East Bethel, in an entry dated August 1826:

"Dea. John Billings and wife offered themselves to this chh for membership, as the bap. chh. in Royalton had lost its visibility and become extinct."

The old deacon lived only six years after his entrance into the East Bethel communion. Olive, his wife, survived him eleven years, and their graves lie side by side in the North Royalton cemetery.

Outside his church activities he had served his town, of which he was one of the original grantees, in many ways, and we find his name in the Royalton history frequently. He was selectman, lister, fence-viewer. He took his oxen to help in the building of the fort in the adjoining town of Barnard, and served in the militia as sergeant during the summer of that black year whose terrors culminated in the Indian raid and the burning of Royalton, October 16, 1780. His counsel was sought in the division of the town into school districts, in the location of the poorhouse, in the the project of a bridge over the White River, in an attempt to bring order into the town-clerk's office.

Withal his love of music was one of his chief characteristics; and the one anecdote of him which remains in the memory of one of his great-grandchildren is the retort to her father, when as a boy he had said that he could not sing: "Then you shall be whipped! I will have no grandchild who cannot sing."

May peace and harmony be with him now!

LAURA BILLINGS LEE

Woodstock, Vermont
September 1918

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHURCH OF BAPTISED BRETHERIN OF ROYALTON VERMONT

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was Conducted with Grate solemnety and becomming Decency Behaved exceeding suitbly and becoming People borne and brot christian land — in the Evening of the same Day after Examenation Brother John Billings was Ordained Deacon of said Chh

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Church meeting Held at Elder John Hibbard
November — 11 — 1790 the Bretherin made Choyce of Elder Hibbard for there moderator
and Chose John Hibbard clark for said Church after loocking [to God] by Praire—then the Chh voted to Raise five pounds toard the seport that is to say twenty Boshels of whate
voted that Deacon Billing and Abraham waterman and John Hibbard Be a church Committy to asses the Brotherin of the Chh: by the Rule of Equality as they in there harts think the Brotherin ought to pay —
Committy Reported and it was Excepted and agread

Deacon Billings should pay	£1-15-0
Brother Peak should pay	£1- 5-0
Abraham waterman pay	£1- 0-0
John Hibbard pay	£1- 0-0

after Giveing thanks to God the meeting was Disolved

Royalton November 26-1790- at a church meeting Hild at Eldor John Hibbards- after loocking to God by praire and suplication the Bretherin Discorsed largely upon opne Communion and close Communion with a Grate Deaile of other Christian Conversation the meeting was Concluded by praire

Royalton December the-10-1790
at a church meeting or Conforence hild at Elder John Hibbard after Loocking to God by praire and supplecation the Bretherin Discorsed largely upon open and Cloase Communion with other Christian Conversation
the meeting was Dismist by Giveing of thanks

Royalton march 29th Day-1791
ch meeting hild at Eldor John Hibbards- after loocking to God by

[praire] the church Receaved a Complant Exhibeted by Brother Samuel Benedick-in the words as hear follows my seposed failing abroad and Refusing Divine Rule and publick by Refuseing Obligation for my famolies seport falt in the first artecal of charge of the Chh ; and Eldor with the parties that they would Each other whare in they ware Chh : the meeting was Dismist by Giveing Thanks

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Royalton July the 24-Day 1791
at A Chh : meeting of the Baptised Bretherin after loocking [to God]
br Prair-the Chh : Resevid a lettor from the scatterd Br[etheren] in Randolph Requesting that this Chh : wants send to Eldor John Hibbard and sum of the Bretherin to set with them on thirsday the 28th July instant to assit forming a Chh: of Christ in that Plaice
In Complyance with the aboue Request the Chh-
Voted to send our Beloved Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon Bi[llings]
and our Brother Abraham Waterman-the meeting was Dismist by Giveing of thanks

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Barnard October 26th 1791 the Chh of Baptised Bretherin of Royalton meet at the house of Brother Abner Perkins in

Barnard and after loocking to God by prair
Voted and Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderater
2nd Voted and Chose Brother Abner Pirkens Clark protemporary
the : Chh : then Renewed Covenant and sum was added to it
the meeting was dismist by Giving thanks

Royalton February-15th Day 1792
at a Chh : meeting of the Baptised Bretherin in said town meet
at the house of Decond Billings-after looking to God by Prair
and Supplecation the Chh-proceded and
1st Voted and Chose Eldor Call moderator of said meeting-
the Chh
2nd then Voted to Desior Brother Abner Pirkens should Relate
the tra of his mind in the matters of Public improvement of the
that God had Given him
3rd the Chh-Did then vote that they Did advise and Desior that
our Brother Abner Pirkins would Publickly improve the Gift
that God had Given him that the Chh : may know what his
Gift is and might be Benefitted there by
4th that the Chh have the Lords Suppor administered once
in six weaks half the time in Royalton and half
Sharon-the meeting was then Concluded by G[iveing thanks]

Royalton June the-9 Day 1792-
Day by the Baptised Bretherin at
after looking to God by praire
1-Voted and Chose Eldor Call m[oderator]
2-Voted that it is Expediant that
Deacon
3rd Voted Brother Samuel Peak be
in that office
4th Voted that the Chh-will

The Chh Recieved a Complainte from Brother Edward
Speare against Brother Daniel Leonerd which was as follows
the Chh may understand that Brother Daniel Leonerd
has Said and Dun some things whareby I sepposed I had
Grounds for Godly Gelocy and Caused me Greaf- viz-
First in offering money on lords Day-2ly and when told of the

rong-said that Christ and the aposels had Dun worse
3rd for not fulfilling an ingagement with my child Patte
in wages for work- haveing taken the first and second
steps- take this time to tellit to the Chh- Edward Spears

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the Chh-then Reseved a Complaint from Brother Daniel Leonard
against Brother Edward Spears which was as followes
that Brother Spears had Charged him with Lying and that he
-as he thought- Did it in an unbecoming harsh Sperit-and
that he had taken the first and second steps with him and
Could not Git satisfaction and now Layde it before the Chh :
-Brother Spears Exknowledged his fallt and asked the
forgiveness of Brother Leonerd and all the Bretherin and
the Chh for Gave- and Brother Leonard for Gave and Receavid
him into there fellowships

Brother Daniel Leonerd likewise Confest whare in he was
to Blaime and was Reseved by the Chh : into Good standing

the meeting was then adjirned untill the 27th of this instant
Novembor at-9-of the clock fore noon tobe held at the
Scoole house a little south of mr Simeon hows in Sharon
and after Giveing of thanks the Bretherin Retiored home

Sharon October : 27th
the church meeting was opened according to adjirnment
and after Loocking to God by praire and supplecation
the Chh : went into the Considoration of what was
Nesary for the Chh- to Raise of worle things inorder
to Seply the worle wants of the Chh and Eldor and
Voted to try to make out-£16-17-0 for the Chhes
youce by Subcription according to Equality
the Sum was Raised by a Subcription and Each
Brother was fully satisfied
the meeteing was Dismist by Giveing of thanks
to God for his Graite Goodness in still continewing the Love &
unison and fellowship of the Bretherin one to another

This is the Estimation or account of what the Bretherin
have in posession - that it may be known what is Each Brothers

Parte to pay of the Churches Exsponces according to Equality aftor Eaeh Brother has told his Present Burdens or Difocaltes in the year - 1792 - october: 27

Eldor John Hibbards Circomstances
88-acres of Land - 22 - acres undor improvement - one Cow - one yearold - 4 - calves - 2 - hogs - 60 - Boshels of Whate and Corne - I am in Debt - £5 - 0 - 0 - have nothing Due to me - I have 9 - in famoly - 1 - horse - 11 - sheep - he pais £ - 0 - 0 - 0

Deacon John Billings Circomstances
- 130 - acres of land - 30 - acres improved - one yoke of oxen 4 Cows - 3 yeareolds - 3 - Grone hogs - 14 - sheep - one horse - 10 Calves: one Colt - 50 Boshels of Whate - 10 - Boshels of Rye - 70 - Boshels of Indin Corne - 25 - boshels of otes - 6 - boshels of pease I owe - 25 - pounds more than what I have due to me 11 in famoly He subcribed - £4 - 0 - 0
Paid in 1793 0 - 15 - 0

Deacon Samuel Peake Circomstances
120 - acres of land - 30 acres under improvement one yoke of oxen 3 - Cows one yoke of - 3 - yeare old stears - one yeareold - 3 Calvs - 1 - hors - 1 Colt - 2 - grone hogs - 13 - sheep - 100 Boshels -of whate I have nothing Due to me - 9 - in famoly with an agead mother to take Care of - he paid - £3 - 0 - 0
Paid in 1793 0 - 15 - 6

John Hibbards Circomstances
I owe as much as I have due me - I have one horse one cow - 8 sheep - abought 400 wt of tebaco this is al Except household Goods - he paid - - - - - £2 - 10 - 0
Paid in: 1793 0 - 15 - 6

Deacon Walors Circomstances
50 acres of land - 18 - acres undor improvement I have not aney thing that is Raised on the farme ontely my seport I have no Cow - horse nor hog - he paise £ 0 - 0 - 0

At a Communion of this Baptist Chh of Royalton and Sharon October - 11-th 1792 Brother John Wedg of Strafford Requested the Chh to send a Commity to the Chh of Strafford to know

there Resons if aney they have why he may not joyn to Sum other Chh -
accordingly the Chh - agread to answer the Request and chose Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon John Billings and Brother Robert Low there Commity

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the aboue Commitys Report
Strafford December - 2nd 1792
in the Evening the Chh at Strafford meet on the ocation we find the Churches Resons are that Brother Wedg has Rather Shone a hard sperit in his words and Conduct which appears to us unchristian like and Dus not appear willing to take it out of the way. John Hibbard
John Billings
Robert Low

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at a Church meeteing of the Church of Baptised Bretherin of Royalton and Sharon met in Sharon at Brother Jonathan Hows- February the 24 - Day 1793 - after opening the meetening with prare and supplication
1 - Votd and Chose Eldor Hibbard moderator of said meeteing
2 - Voted and Chose Deacon John Billings Scribe or Clark protemporary for said meeting
- then the Chh entored into laibour with Sister Graice how - and after much Laybour Called a Vote whather fellowship was Gained or not - Voted in the Negetive - then adjirned the meeting for half an hour - meet agane according to adjirnment and the Church entered into an other laibor with Sister how - But could Gaine no Satisfaction - and calld a Vote whather the Church Did withdraw fellowship from Sistor how as a sistor in the Church because she Refuses to heare the Chh - the hands of the Church is lifted aganst hur though with aking Harts and with weet Eyes - which appeared in Every Countenance - -
- the Chh then Reseved and Read a letter from Hanover Chh - Requesting Help in ordaineing an Eldor - the Church voted to answer there Request - and Chose Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon John Billings to send to there assistance - - -
the Church then voted to - and did recomend Brother Robert

low to the Graice of God as a Preaicher of the Gospel of Christ and after Giveing of thank: Disolved this meeting

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At A Church meeteing of the Baptised Bretherin of Royalton hild in the meeteing house in Sharon Aperil - 27 - Day - 1793 after loocking to God by prair and supplication
1: Voted and Chose Deacon John Billings moderator of said meeting - the Chh: then went into a Discrusion of the Chh articals and Covenent of the Baptised Bretherin liveing in the north Part of Sharon who had formed them selves into Chh - ordor and after Vewing and Considering the same
2 - Voted that we approve of said Artecals
3 - Voted that we Reseve these Sharon Bretherin into fellowship as a Sister Chh

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the Chh artecals and Covenent of the Chh - of Royalton was then read to our Sharon Bretherin - and after they heard them Read they voted and approved the same as they seposed they were agreaible to the word of God
after the fellowship was Gained Between the two Chhes - and fellowship Between all the Bretherin: the meeteing was Dismist By Giving thanks to God

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At a Chh - meeteing of the Baptised Bretherin in Royalton my - 12Day 1793 - the chh - ordored the Clark of said Chh: to Give unto Eldor John Hibbard the Credentials of his ordenation that he might be able to Shoe that he was Regularly ordained to Preach the Gospel and Baptise - in aney Plaice whare the Lord my Call him

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At a - Chh - meeteing of the Baptised Bretherin in Royalton meet at Deacon John Billinges - June the - 1 - Day - 1793
after opening the meeting by Praire and Suplecation
- Voted and Chose Brother Isreal walor moderator of said meeting
2 - Voted that the Deacons of said Chh shall seply our Eldors famoly with Bread Corn - by purchesing or bying the same at the Corst of the Chh - till wheate harvest next
the Chh Likewise Desiord: me: John Hibbard to highor eight Dolors to pay a Debte of Eldor John Hibbards - which Debte was

in the hand of lawyer Smith to Collect - and after Giveing thanks to God the meeting was Desolved

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Sunday Evening June the -2 -Day - 1793 - the Chh of Baptised Bretherin in Royalton haveing Reseved a lettor from the Baptised Bretherin in Hartland Requesting the assistance of this Chh - in helping them to forme Chh - artecals and a Chh Covenant as they ware abought to form them selves into Chh ordor - - - the Chh voted to answer there Request - and Voted for that End and Chose : Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon John Billings and Deacon Samuel Peak to attend at Hartland on the - 10 - of this Instant June at - 10 - oclock according to there Request

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Royalton July the - 27th - 1793
the Chh : of Baptised Bretherin of Royalton haveing Reseved a lettor from the Chh of Christe in Cambridge Desioring Counsel and assistance in the ordenation of a Deacon in said Chh - - the Bretherin of the Chh - in said Royalton voted to send Eldor John Hibbard - as there Request was - that he might be sent - - the ordenation is to be on the - 14th day of August insueing

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at A Church meeting of the Baptised Bretherin of Royalton meet at Sharon at the house of Jonathan Hows - August -31 - day 1793 after loocking to God by praire and Suplecation - - - - - - voted and chose Deacon John Billings moderator of said meeting
2 - Voted to send fore Bretherin to attend at the Woodstock assoteation which is to Conviene at Labenon on the last wedensday of Septembor next insueing ——
3 - voted that Eldor John Hibbard : Deacon John Billings and Deacon Samues Peake - and John Hibbard Seainor - be the Bretherin to send to the said Association - - and after much Christian discorse
4 - Voted and Chose Elijah Huntington and Deacon Billing to prepare a letter to send to the association - and to lay the same before the : Chh : for there Exceptance and after giving thanks to God the meeting was Dismist.

Royalton October - 6th 1793 - the Chh of Baptised Bretherin Reseved a lettor of Request from the Church of Baptised Bretherin in hartford that we would send them assistance from this Church to set with them in Counsel Consarning Sum matters of Diffacalty in there Church - the Church of Royalton Consents to answer there request and Chose Eldor John Hibbard Deacon John Billings and Brother Abner Pirkens to attend said Counsel - which is to be the -3rd wedensday instant

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Sharon Jenewary - 6th day - 1794 -
at a chh - meeting of the Baptised Bretherin of the Chh : of Royalton - meet at the House of Silas Leonerds in said Sharon after looking to God by Praire and Suplication - - - - - -

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- 1 - voted and chose Deacon John Billings moderator of said meeting

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2 - voted that the - 9 - Dolors that John Hibbard Borrowed to settle a Debt of Eldor John Hibbards - be allowed to him as so much Paid into the Common Stock toard the Charges of the Chh -

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3 - voted - that there be - from this time forward - a Chh - Store Kept for the youse and benifitt of the Chh - of all and every nesesary artecal that the Bretherin or aney other Person shall se fitt to Put into said store for the Good and Benefit of said Chh - - - - - - - - - -

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4 - voted that there be three Bretherin store keepers for this Chh - namely - Silas Leonard - Deacon John Billings - and Deacon Samuel Peak - to Reseve for the Chh - all the Stores that is Brought unto them for the Benefit of the Chh

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5 - voted that the Deacons bye and seport Eldor Hibbards famoly with Breadcorne as they se he stands in neede of untill next harvest and then Bring in there account to the Chh

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6 - voted that if aney Brother or Sistor - in the Chh absent them selves from the Public worship of God with the Chh it shall be taken up as a matter of Disepying - or to Give satisfaction for there non attendance

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7 - voted that Eldor John Hibbard is appinted to Right lettors

to such Brothers or Sistors - as heare to fore have absented them selves from Public worship - in Behalf of the Chh

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the Chh then toock under Considoration a Complaint of Brothor Daniel Leonard aganst Brother Edmond Spears wherein he saith as follows ------- Brother Spears sais I am a Lyar - and known from town to town
2 - I understand he has told abought - in the world - that the Leonards ware the last People in the world and the ofcoureing of the world
3 - he thretned me in my own house - and treated me with unbecoming Behaiver and unchristian language
4 - he saith - that I and his wife and Sister Parkhust are or - ware - the Bigest Lyers this side the Lake

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the Chh - then - 8th - voted that Deacon Billings and Deacon Peak be a Commity to Examing into the Difocalty - Between Brother Spears and Brother Leonard and Report to the Chh

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9 - Voted that this meeting Be Adjirned till the - 23 - of this instant Jenewary - then to meet at the House of James towns in Sharon - at one oclock in said day
the meeting was Concluded by Giving thanks

Sharon Jenewerry - 23 - 1794 - at the house of James towns - the adjirned Chh meeting was opened according to adjirnment - and after loocking to God by Praire

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1 - Voted and Chose Silas Leonerd Clark Protepor

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2 - Voted that Brother William Pirkins set with us

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3 - Voted that Brother How and Brother Silas Leonerd to be a Commity to Go with Brother Daniel Leonard to sarting Persons - to cleare up som thing that the Chh is gellus of Consarning of Brother Leonerd

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4 - adjirned for half anower

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met according to adjirnment

the first artecal of Complaint - not Got through with
2 - artecal - not seported
3 - artecal Put over till the next meeting
4 - artecal not seported

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5 - voted to Call upon Brother Daniel Leonard - and Brother Edward Spears for satisfaction - But Gained none to the satisfaction of the Chh

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6 - Voted to Right Brothers Spears a lettor of admonition which was accordingly Dun

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7 - Voted to adjirn this meeting to be hild at Brother Billinges in Royalton - on the 10 -day of February next at nine of the Clock fore noone - - - - - - -
the meeting was then Concluded by Giving thanks

Royalton February the - 10th 1794 - the Chh - meet at Deacon Billinges was opened according to adjirnment - and after loocking to God by Prair and Supplication - the Chh - Reseved Brother Ebenezer Woodard into full Communion in the Chh -

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2 - Voted that Brother John Burnom - and Brother Ainsworth set this Day in Counsel with the Chh -

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3 - voted to Chuse a Commity to Discorse with Brother Isaac Whealor - to Git Satisfaction - if they Can - why Brother Whealor has absented him selfe from Public meeting with the : Chh

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4 - voted - that Deacon Billings Deacon Waler - and Eldor John Hibbard be a Commity to laibour with Brother Whealor - upon the aboue affaire of not meeteing with the Chh - and make Report to the Chh - of his Reaisons

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5 - voted to adjirn this meeting for fore weeks from this Day then to meete at mr James towns in Sharon at ten oclok fore noone - the meeteing was then Dismist by Giveing thanks

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Sharon march - 10th day - 1794 - at Mr James towns - the Chh meet according to adjirnment - and after loocking to God by

Praire Chose Elder John Hibbard Clark protempor - for the Present meeteing

2 - voted that Brother Daniel Leonerd has not supported his Complaint against Brother Speare - which was - he thretned me in my house - and treated me with unchristian language

3 - voted - that Brother Daniel Leonerd has seported his first artecal of Complaint - and is cleard from the scandal of Brother Spears in it

4 - voted - that the Chh - is Dissatisfide with Brother Daniel Leonerd for maintaining an unchristianlike tempor toard Brother Speare - and for selling a note Rongfully which was against him

5 - voted - to Give Brother Daniel Leonerd a letter of admonetion

6 - after hearing the Report of the Commity which was sent to Brother Whealor - voted to send him a lettor of admonetion

the meeting was then Concluded by Giveing of thanks

N - B - this Report of the Commity ought to have Bin Put in to the - 6 - vote aboue - But as it was forgot it is heare insarted as Reported which is as follows

that when we - the Commity - Discorsed with Brother Isaac Whealor - consarning his absenting him selfe from the Chh - he Replied - that one half of them ware a pack of lyors and that he Did not intend to be with them aney longor and likewise talked unbecoming a Christian

Sharon April - 17 -th Day - - 1794 - at a Church meeting of the Baptised Bretherin of the Chh : of Royalton - meet at the house of Captt Ebenezer Parkhust - after loocking to God by Praire

- 1 - Voted and Chose Deacon John Billings moderator for said meeting

2 - Voted that all the Sharon Bretherin that belong to the north Part of Sharon that is Present - and Brother Weedg and Daniel Norton - sett in Counsel this Day with this Chh -

3 - a vote was Called to se if Brother Spears Confesion was satisfactory to the Chh - it was voted in the negetive

4 - the vote was Called - to se whather Brother Daniel Leonerds Confesion was satisfactory to the Chh - it was voted in the afarmetive

5 - the vote was then called for - to see whather the Chh Do with Draw there Fellowship from Brother Isaac Whealor - it was voted in the afarmetive

6 - voted that Eldor John Hibbard Right and Deliver Unto Isaac Whealor a Coppy of his Excommunication as soon as may be

7 - voted to Continew the admonetion to Brother Edward Spears that he would Return to his Duty and Give Sattisfaction whare in he has Gon astray - - - - - - - the meeting was then Concluded by Giveing of thanks

Sharon June 9th Day - 1794 - at a Chh meeteing of the Baptist Chh - of Royalton - meet att Esquiar Shepards in said Sharon after loocking to God for wisdom by Praire and Suplication - 1 - voted and Chose Deacon Isreal Waler moderator for said meeting

2 - the vote was Caled for - to see if Brother Edward Spears had Given Satisfaction to the Bretherin Consarning the Complaint of Brother Daniel Leonard - it was voted in the Negitive

3 - the vote was Called to see if the Chh with Drew fellowship from Brother Edward Spears - the vote was in the affarmetive

the meeting was then Concluded by Giveing of thanks

Royalton - 29th June - 1794 - the Chh having Reseved a lettor of Request from the Chh of Vershear and Corinth - that this Chh would send to them our Eldor and faithfull Bretherin to seet with them in counsel in a chh. meeteing on thirsday July the - 3 instant - the Chh of Royalton in Comployance with there Request - voted to send Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon John Billings and Deacon Samuel Peak

Sharon August: 25 : Day : 1794
at a Chh - meeting of the Baptised Bretherin of the Church of Royalton now meet at Simeon Hows - the meeting being opened by Praire and Supplication

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-1 - voted and Chose Deacon John Billings moderator of said meeting

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2 - voted to Reseve a Complaint against Sister Catherine Speare Exhibited by Eldor John Hibbard Juner - in the words following - -
To the Baptist Church of Christ in Royalton - Deare Breatherin - Sistor Catherine Spears has from time to time shewed I think an hard sperit against individial Bretherin - and the Chh - at larg - which she continews yet to hold - though often laiboured with in Privet - and Before more in Company - therefore take this way to tel it to the Chh - Being Greaved that the Cause of Christ is wounded - - the things that she has said are these - that the Chh - acted Disceitfuly at the Chh - meeting at Captt Ebenezer Parkhusts - and that she never intended to attend another Chh - meeting and that she had Reather be out of the Church than in it

3 - voted - that our Brother - Eldor John Hibbard Right and send hur a letter Desioring our Sistor Catherine Spears to attend at our next adjirned Chh - meeting at this Plaice - six weeks from this Day which will be the - sixth Day of October - the letter to be sent in behalf of the Church

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4 - voted to send members to attend the woodstock Asosiation to set at westmorland the last wedensday in September

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5 - Voted that Eldor John Hibbard and Brother Daniel Leonard be the members to Represent this Chh - at the ascociation

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6 - voted that Brother Elijah Huntington Right a lettor in behalf of the Church to the asociation

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7 - voted to adjirn this meeting untill six weeks from this Day which will be the - 6 Day of October - at nine o'olock fore noone

at this Plaice - the meeting was then Dismist by Giveing of thanks

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Royalton october the : 6 Day : 1794 : the above Adjirned Chh meeting was not attended unto by Reason of Sister Speair being Gon a Jirney Down Cuntery : and therefore the following Chh meeting was Called and hild to Do the same : as was to bin Dun at the adjirned meeting on the : 6 : of october

at a Chh meeting of the Baptised Bretherin of Royalton meet in Sharon at the house of mr. towns acording to appintment at : 9 : oclok in the morning : after loocking to God for wisdom by Prair - the Chh
1 - voted and Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderator of said meeting
2 - Voted and Chose Elijah Huntington Clark potemporary
3 - the Chh then Prseded to Entor into a labor with Sister Spears upon the hard words and the sperit by which she had Expresed them against the Bretherin of the Chh - and upon Confession and evedant Contrietion the Chh voted satisfide with the Exnolidgment -- there was then laid before the Chh a lettor of Reques from the Chh of Christ at fairfax - Desioring the Chh to send ther Eldor and som other of ther Bretherin to set in Counsel with them and assist in ordaining an Eldor - the Chh voted to answer ther Request
5 - the Chh then voted to send Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon John Billing and Deacon Samuel Peak to there Assistance
7 - Considored a Request from stafford Chh by Brother Day for Eldor Hibbard to Preach with them a third Part of the time voted to answer there Request the meeting was then Disolved - and thanks given for God Goodness

At a Chh meeting of the Baptised Bretherin of the Chh of Royalton on February 23 - 1795 - at Brother John Billings according to appintment the meeting was opened by Praire - after takeing into Considoration Sum Previous ingaigements of assistance to Eldor Hibbard useing some Examinations into the standing of the Chh and its officers
first voted and Chose Elijah Huntington Clark protemporary

2 : voted after long Deliberation that the Chh will indaver to free John Hibbard from his worley bisones the one half of his time as long as it is thought his Duty to Continew Preaching with us half the time that is to find him a good hand to work on his farme or an able him to highor one half the time on the Chhes Corst

3 - Voted to Disolve this meeting

At the same meeting there was subcribed for the Eldor as follows

Deacon John Billings £1 - 10
Deacon Samuel Peak -- 0 - 10
Abraham waterman --- 0 - 15
Abner Pirkins -------- 0 - 12
Isreal Waller -------- 0 - 6
Elijah Huntington ---- 0 - 4
Ebenezer Woodard ---- 0 - 4

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At a Chh meeting of the Baptist Chh of Royalton held at the house of Silas Leonerds in Sharon on monday march the : 9th 1795 in fore noon

1 - opened the meeting by Prair to almighty God

2 - Voted and Chose Deacon John Billings moderator

3 - Voted and Chose Elijah Huntington Clark protemporary - after which the following lettor was laid before the Chh by Brother Wheat from the Baptist Chh in Athens namely

To the Baptist Chh in Royalton Greeting -- wishing you Graice marcy and Peaice from God the father and our lord Jesus Christ we are informed by our Brother Joseph Wheat : that it is his Desior to Remove his Relation from this Chh to your Chh : therefore we Do Recomend him to you as a Brother in Good Standing with us and upon your Reseving him undor your watch care this is his Dismistion from - signed in behalf of the Chh Lameck Blandin Scribe

Athens February : 26 : Day 1795

upon which and the satisfaction Gained the Chh voted that Eldor Hibbard should give him the Right hand of fellowship in the Behalf of the Chh as one in Compleete Standing with us

after this he Exhibited from undor the Chhes hands in Athins a Recommondation of his Gift of Praire Exortation: from a Considoration of this and sum acquantance of his improvements the Chh voted to Call upon and encorage said Brother Whate in the improvement of his Gift for the Glory of God as he shall make Duty appeare.

The Chh then took into Considoration the Report of Brother David Smiths haveing imbibed the Prinsable of universal Salvation the Chh voted to send our Brother Joseph Wheat John Billings and Silas leonard a Commity to laibour with him faithfully and Report to the next Chh meeting - Voted to adjirn this meeting untill the last monday in april next at Silos leonerds - 9: oclok in the morning

Sharon Arpil the 27 day 1795 monday the Chh meet at the House of Silas Leonerds in Sharon according to adjirnment and after loocking to God by Prair and Suplecation for wisdom and Dyrection Deacon Billings the former moderator not being Com the Chh Proseded and

1: Voted and Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderator for this meeting

2- voted to heare the Report of the Commity that was sent to labour with Brother David Smith -- they Did

the Report was that they to there Grate Greaf found that he had imbraind and Did seame to believe that uneversal Salvation was Gospel Doctrin -- and as Brother David Smith was Present in the meeting: the Bretherin in the time of the meeting -- asked him maney questions Consarning his belief in those matters: and he seamed to be much Puzzeled to Git along with his Eydeas the Chh was then called upon to se if they ware satisfide

3: voted that they were not satisfide with Brother Davids discorse and the Princeples he holds unto

4: voted to Chuse a Commity of: three of our Bretherin for to still laibour further to Convince our Dear Brother David Smith and to Report what sucess they have at the next adjirned Chh meeting

5 voted that this meeting is adjirned untill the first monday after the first Saboth in June then to meet at this house at : 9 : oclok in the forenoon which will be the : 8th Day of June

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At a Chh meeting hild at the House of Eldor John Hibbards in Royalton - may the : 20 - 1795 - after loocking to God by Prair 1 - voted and Chose Deacon Samuel Peak moderator for said meeting

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the Chh then Reseved a Complaint aginst Brother Joseph Waler from Mr. Joseph Adams of Pittsfield - wharein he saith that Brother waler in an unfrindly maner sued him in the law and put him to much Corst Contrary to the Gospel Rule - of Christian Bretherin

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it was then voted as there was the want of evedance to seport the above complaint : to pospone the Considoration of it till sum futer meeting

the Chh then likewise Reseved a Complaint against Sistor Abogail Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings by Eldor John Hibbard in the words following - - - Royalton may the : 10th 1795

to the Bretherin of the Baptist Chh of Christ in Roya lton - - - Deare Bretherin it appears : that Sister Billings and Sister Abogail Hibbard Do not walk as - or walk togather as becometh Saints and having had sundery times severly and jointly Laibored with them - take this method to tel it to the Chh - Jno : Hibbard Juner

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the Chh then went into a laibour with the two Sistors upon the Difocalty betweene them as Complaind of - the two Sistors asked Each other sundery questions which was answered frindly - with seaming freedom But Did not Give full Satisfaction

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the Chh then Reseved a Request by lettor from the Church of Baptised Bretherin of Woodstock and Bridgwater - that we would send our Eldor and som of our Bretherin to set with them in Consel at there meeting in

woodstock on the -10:th Day of June next at :9: oclok fore noone
the Chh voted to answer there Request - and voted to send Eldor John Hibbard : Brother Joseph Wheat Deacon John Billings and Deacon Samuel Peak - - - - the meeting was adjirned untill : 3 : friday of June next at one oclock after noone to meet at Deacon Billinges

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Sharon June the :8th 1795
the Bretherin of the Baptist Chh of Royalton meet at the House of Brother Silas Leonerds according to adjirnment and after loocking to God by Prair for wisdom and Dyrection

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the Bretherin then Desiored to hear the Report of there Commity Respecting Brother David Smith Consarning his uneversal Prinsaple

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the Commity then Reported that they had faithfulIy laibored with Brother David Smith: and that they find him still (as he Saith) fairm in the Believeff: that all the Hew man lump will be saved by Christ from Eternal misery or Eternal Punishment in the world to Com

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the Bretherin were then Caled upon to know whether they ware satisfide that Brother David Smith Dus actually imbibe the Prinseple and hold to Salvation for all Adams Raice Eternaly in the world to Com
the Chh: voted that they were satisfide that he Did imbraice this Bainfull Doctrin from what they had seain as well as from there Commity.

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the Chh was then desiored to shew there mindes whather (:or no:) they felt themselves undor a nesasaty of with Drawing the hand of fellowship from Brother David Smith - after Reading and Comparing the Scripture with Scripture the answer was yes - we Cannot walk with a Brother that Dus Believe in the Same Doctrin that the Sarpant Preached to our first Parance in the Gardin - thou Shalt not Surely Die

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the vote was then Called for to se whather the Chh Did

with Draw the hand of fellowship from Brother David Smith
the Chh Voted in the affarmetive - tha
the hand of fellowship from Brother D

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it was then voted to send a lettor to our late Brother David Smith with a Coppy of the Doings of this meeting - after it is Read in Public assempley

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the meeting was then Desolved by a vote of the Chh

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the Chh meeting that was Hild at Deacon Billinges on June the : 19th : and was adjirned unto the - 29 : th of June - is by the Desior of the Chh postponed unto the first monday of August at : 1 : oclock aftrenoone to meete at Deacon Billinges

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Royalton August monday the - 3rd : 1795
the Chh : meet at Deacon Billinges according to adjirnment and after opening the meeting by prair and suplecation

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1 : voted that as there was a number of Baptist Bretherin Present from other Chhes that they Should Set in Counsel with the Chh

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2 : voted that the Chh : will take up at this time the Debate and unease Disputes ; that there is ; Betweene our Eldor John Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings Consarning Public Seports within the Chh as to the Eldor or needy Bretherin
there was much said upon the matter ; But time falling
the meeting was adjirned by vote untill the forth monday of this instant August at - 9 - Oclock fore noone at this House of Deacon Billinges

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Royalton monday August the : 24th Day 1795
the Chh meet according to agreamont and after opening the meeting by Prair to almighty God for wisdom and Dyrection -
the Chh went in to the considoration of the Diforances betweene Eldor John Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings - - and in ordor to Git light Consarning the Gospel Rule of Seporting the Preaching Eldor : the word of God was applyed unto and sundery Plaices Read : viz : the : 9 : Chapter of first of

Corrinthians; againe the :6: Chapter of Galations: or a parte of it - again :1: Epistel of Paul to Timothy :5: Chapter; againe this :3: Chapter in the Second Epistel to the thisselonians - etc: etc: and after long talking and laiboring upon the seposed Eydeas of Sistor Billings it was Proposed by Sum of the Bretherin; that Eldor Hibbard ought to bring in his Complaint in Righting - But Som others said; they thought that it was as well in his verble manor as it would be in writing; the Vote was then Caled for to sea if the Chh fellowshept Sistor Billings in her Eydeas Consarning the Seport of Gospel teachers; it was then moved that before the vote was Past; that Sistor Billings should Give her Eydeas in Righting; which She Did by Brother Billings Righting them in the words following - my faith and believe Conserning the Debate in question is; I believe God Calls Sum into the work of the ministre; and the Chh ought to acquias in the Same and whare Ever they labour the People ought to Communicate to there Nesasaties and if they Do not; to Shake of the Dust of foot and lieve them

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the Papor handed in as Containing her Eydeas was Read and Discorsed upon and the question asked Round to all the Bretherin how they liked them - the General answer was; they could not find falt with the General Eydea; But as it left Roome for Cavile not being more Explisit; But it was in General Answered: that if this was the true sentements of hur hart they could find no Porticaler falt with it; this Emediately Caused Sum questions to be asked hur; by the answer of which it Did not appear that what was Delivered in the Righting was according to hur Eydeas

it was then moved and seconded to try it by a vote to see if the Bretherin ware satisfide with Sister Billinges Eydeas - but before the vote was Called; Brother Billings Brought in a protest against the legality of Bringing the matters now in Debate into the Chh - in the words following - viz -

I protest against this matters Being Brought into the Chh; havin no Gospel Rule for it John Billings Eldor Hibbard then exhibitted in Righting the Complaint which before had bin ontely verble in the words following: viz:

Royalton June : 5 : th 1795 --- To the Baptist Chh at Royalton Dear Bretherin whareas certing Difforances in matters of faith and Practise Consarning the Seport of the Gospel minester have taken Plaice betweene Sistor Olive Billings and my selfe; She Holding that the Church is under no more obligation to them than aney Poor Brother which sentement has Caused hard words; in my opinion; towards me in Porticlar; and towards the : Chh : also; when they have Practised Contrary to her mind; and haveing laibored with hur Abundantly and having not helped her mind take this methord of telling it to the Chh --- John Hibbard Juner

by the Desior of the Eldor the moderator asked all the Bretherin Present; if this Ritten Complaint was in Substance the same; as the verbel Complaint; they all agread that it was -- it was then moved whather the Chh would Proseede to the before mentioned vote and try it; or adjirn; it being as was seposed not a Grate way from Braik of Day -- it was thought most proper to adjirn - the Chh therefore voted that this meeting is adjirned untill the : 3 wedensday in September at -9- Oclock fore noone
the meeting was then Dismist by Praire -- But this I forgot to Record in its Right Plaice; for before the meeting was adjirned the Chh : Reseved a Request by lettor from the Baptist Chh at Camebridge Requesting the assistance of our Eldor and som Bretherin to set with them in Counsel; on tuesday first of September at : 9 : oclock fore noone -- the Chh agread to; and voted to; send to there assistance; John Hibbard and Elijah Huntington our Bretherin; But our Elder was so Pre ingaiged that he Could not be Sent

the Chh also voted and Chose membors to attend the woodstock association - viz - Eldor John Hibbard Brother Joseph Wheat and Brother Elijah Huntington - and Brother Huntington to Right a lettor in behalf of the Chh to the Asosiation and it was then the meeting was adjirned untill the : 3 : wedensday in September -9- oclock fore noone at the House of Eldor John Hibbards

Sharon September the : 7th : Day : 1795

At a Chh meeting of the Baptist Chh of Royalton ; hild at Jonathon Hows in said Sharon according to appintment ; after loocking to God by praire

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1 : voted and Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderator of said meeting

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2 : voted ; that Brother Joseph Wheat Relaite his Experance of the work of Graice upon his Hart ; and likewise the Call of God to him as he vewes it ; as to his Public Preaching Gods word ; and after he had Related ; in both these Request ; and had answered to maney questions

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3 : voted to send to the following Sistor Chhes ; for there Eldor and som of the most able Bretherin to set in Counsel with us Consarning the Duty of Seting appart Brother Joseph Whate to the work of the Minestre (viz) woodstock Chh and Bradford Chh ; and Hartland Chh and Eldor Derew of Labenon and to norwich Chh ; and to the Chh in Sharon

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4 : voted that the time appinted for the Seting of the Counsel bee and hearby is appinted to set on the : 3 : wedensday in october next to begin at : 9 : Oclok in the forenoon ; at the House of Silas Leonard in said Sharon ; and that this meeting is adjirned to the same time and Plaice

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Royalton September : 16 : 1795 - - - - the meeting that was held at Deacon Billinges the - 24th of August and was adjirned to the third wedensday in Septembor was this Day opened according to adjirnment at the house of Eldor John Hibbards ; and after loocking to God by Praire for wisdom and Divine understanding in the Grate Consarne before us

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the Church went into the Consideration of the difacaltes ; betweene Eldor Hibbard ; and Sistor Olive Billings ; voted to Reseve the Ritten Complaint of Eldor Hibbard against Sistor Olive Billings

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the vote was then Caled for ; to se whather Sistor Billinges

Eydeas Consarning Gospel Seport; was a matter of Chh Disopline; it was voted in the Negetive

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it was then asked all round to Each Brother by way of a vote whather a Brother or Sistor having a hard sperit and it was manafest it was a matter of Disopline - it was voted in the afarmetive

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after the Church had Gon so far in these matters; Eldor Hibbard Desiord Counsel; and it was mutaly agreaid to send for Counsel to the Sistor Churches; viz - woodstock; Hartland Lebenon: or whare ever Eldor Deren belongs; Norwich; Bradford; Sharon and James Flint and Jacob Parrish; as two able Brothers at Randolph and that the Counsel set at Eldor John Hibbards on the third thirsday in october Next to begin at - 10 : Oclock fore noon - or as Soon as the same Councel has finished there bisonis of Counsel in Sharon; as to the Call and Qualyfications; and Expedancy of ordaineing Brother Joseph Wheet to the work of the ministry

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the Chh then chose Deacon Peak and Brother Isreal Waler to prepare matters to lay before the Counsel -

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this meeting was by vote adjirned untill the : 4th : thirsday in october or till the Seting of the above said Counsel; then to meet at the same time and Plaice

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Sharon October - the : 21 Day - 1795
the Chh meet at Silas Leonerds according to adjirnment - and the Counsel from the Sister Chhes; (Viz) from Hartland Deacon Dan Davidson and mr Timothy Grow - from Norwich Eldor Low and Deacon Bartlet from Sharon mr orien Day; and as the folowing Bretherin ware Present from other Chhes; viz - Arial Kindrick and Deacon Churchel from woodstock and Brother; w : m Porter the Chh voted that they should set in Counsel and Eldor John Hibbard not being Present the former moderator - the Chh and Counsel proseded to vote; and Did Chuse Eldor Low moderator for this meeting; after the moderator had maid aprair to almighty God for Divine wisdom to be given this Counsel in the Grate matters before us - mr.

John Griswell and Captt Deane from Hartford Chh Came and toock a seat

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the Counsel Desiored Brother Wheat to Relate his experiance of the work of Graice upon his hart which he Did to the Sattisfaction of the Counsel

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Brother Wheat was then Desiored to Give a relation of his Call to Preach the Gospel according to his own thoughts; which he Did; and after his Relation and maney questions asked; and much said upon it; the question was put; whather Brother Wheat was Ripe for Ordenation -- it was voted in the negetive and after Giving of thanks the Counsel was Dismist

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Royalton october : 22 1795 --- the Chh and Counsel meet at Eldor John Hibbards according to adjirnment: and as Deacon Peak was not present the former moderator the Chh voted and Chose Brother Isreal Waler moderator for said meeting -- and Praire being made; the following Bretherin from our Sistor Chhes was voted by the Chh to be a Counsel in the matters of Dispute Betweene Eldor John Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings viz) from Hartland Deacon Dan Davison and Brother Timothy Grow - from Hartford Chh Brother John Griswell and Captt Deane - from Norwich Chh Elder Low and Deacon Bartlitt from Sharon Brother Orian Day -- and after the Chh and Eldor John Hibbard had indavered to lay before the Counsel the matter of the Difolcaty betweene the Parties - they Both agread upon an Estatement of the matter by Righting in the words following -- the question agread upon by Eldor Hibbard and the Chh to be laid before our Bretherin of the Counsel for there advice is this (viz) whather the Ideas that is hear hild forth by Sistor Billings Consarning Communications to minestors be a matter of Chh Disopline or not -- after the matter was fairly Discrust

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the Counsel then went by them Selves and in a short time Reported to the Chh in the word following

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At an Ecliastical Counsel Conveind at Eldor John Hibbard in Royalton ye : 22 - 1795 ----- Being Cald to Gather by the Desior of the Baptist Chh of Christ in Royalton; to Give Our Opinion

on the following question laid before us by Eldor John Hibbard and the said Royalton Chh (viz) whather the idea hild forth by Sistor Olive Billings Consarning Communications to Ministors is a matter of Disapline or not ----- the ideas that Sistor Olive holds forth; is that the Chh in undor no more or Differant obligation to Communicate to the minestor of the Gospel than aney poor Brother &c

after Solomn Deliberation upon the said idea; we ware unanimusly agread in the following answer

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Whare as the word of God is plain in the matter of Communication and Dus Expresly Say with out Resarve; that he that is taught; is to Communicate to him that teacheth in all Good things - and maney other Plaices of like importation - therefore we Give it as our opinion; that the above sited olive Billings ideas is matter of Disapline

in behalf the Counsel - - - - - Robert Low moderator
Orion Day Scribe

The meeting was then adjirned to the first monday in December at ten Oclock fore noone at this Plaice

Royalton monday :: December; 1795

the Chh meet according to agreament or adjirnment at the house of Eldor John Hibbards; was opened and after loocking to God by Praire; the Chh went into the Consideration of the report of the Counsel Consarning the Diffcullty; between Eldor John Hibbard and Sistor Billings and after much Conversation it was put to vote to se whather the Chh would Reseive the Doings of the Counsel; the vote was in the negative - after sum more talk it was moved and seconded to adjirn this meeting unto next monday the : 14th of this month to meet at Deacon John Billinges at : ten of the clock in the fore noone the meeting was accordingly adjirned to that time and Plaice

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Royalton December : 14th 1795

this Day the meeting was opened according to adjirnment; and after Praires; the Bretherin Entered into a long Discorse upon the Report of the above Said Counsel; whather they would Resead there vote; in not Excepting the Doings of the Counsel -

the vote being Called to Se if they would Reseve the Doings of the Counsel and the vote was in the Negetive

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the Chh then Reseved a Request from Sistor Susannah Killogg; for a lettor of Recomondation from this Chh to the Baptist Chh in Hanover in the State of newhampshear upon which the Chh Gave Sistor Susannah Killogg a letter of Recommondation unto the Baptist Chh of Christ in Said Hanover

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the Chh then had a long talk with Sistor Olive Billings and as they ware not fully satisfide with all she said this meeting was adjirned unto the next monday the :21: day of December to meet at Eldor John Hibbards at ten oclock fore noone

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Royalton December -21- Day 1795
the adjirned Chh meeting was opened agreable to adjirnment at the House of John Hibbards by Praire and Suplecation and after much Conversation upon maney things: and as Sistor Billing was not there-- the Chh voted to adjirn this meeting untill the first thirsday in Jenewary next to meet at ten oclock fore noone at the house of Eldor John Hibbards

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Royalton Jenewary the :7th Day thirsday 1796
the adjirned Chh meeting was opened at Eldor John Hibbards- But it Being a Snowey Day and But a few Bretherin at meeting this meeting was adjirned unto thirsday the -22- Day of this instant Jenewary- then to meet at Deacon Billinges at ten of the Clock in the fore noone

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Royalton Jenewary the -21 Day 1796
at an adjirned Chh meeting hild this Day at Deacon John Billings agreaible to adjirnment- after prair being made to the all wise being
Voted and Chose Brother Elijah Huntington Clark protemprer 2- after long talking upon the Difocalty between Eldor John Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings; it appeaired by asking Round among the Bretherin that the Bretherin ware afraid that there was an unchristian hardness between Eldor Hibbard and Sistor Billings

the meeting was then adjirned untill the first Day of February next at - 10 - oclok fore noon to meet at the House of Deacon Peaks Bethel

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Bethel February the first Day - 1796
the Chh meet according to adjirnment and after Praire the Bretherin went into Confarance upon the Scriptuers - and - to See if our Eydeas ware alike in ordor to try to Git fellowship - and as there was but a few of the Bretherin at meeting it was - - - voted to adjirn this meeting till the first thirsday in march - at - 10 - Oclock fore noon then to meet at the House of Eldor John Hibbard in Royalton

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Royalton - march the - 1 - thirsday - 1796
the Chh meet according to adjirnment and after Praires the Chh went into the tryal of Ouer Unian and Agreament in matters of Faith and practice; after much Deliboration they Came to a Vote of the Chh whather the Chh Could walk with a Brother that holds to Open Communion or not - it was Voted in the Negetive - - - - after Sum more talk voted to adjirn this meeting till Next week a thirsday - at - 10 oclock to meet at Eldor John Hibbards
Elijah Huntington was Clark protemporey at this meeting

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meet on the second thirsday of march according to the adjirnment - after loocking to God by Praire opened the meeting and Chose Elijah Huntinton Clark protempery - and after Considerable Conversation among the Bretherin upon Close Communion - so Called - the Bretherin ware Called upon to Give their minds whether they Could walk with a Brother that Could Reseve an unbaptised Brother to Communion - - - at the Lords table - - - they Gave their minds as follows: (viz) for open Communion - Brother Billings and Tracy Elder Hibbard Brother woodard ware strong in the Negetive of the question - - - and Brother Woodworth wavering but rather Gave his Voyce in the Negetive - - Brother Peak and Huntingtons minds was Rather in faver of the Qestion
the meeting was then adjirned to the third Thirsday of instant March at - 12 - oclock at Deacon Billinges

this above, and last adjirned Chh - meating - was never attended unto and there was not aney Chh - meating attended unto, after this adjirned meating, till the - 6 - Day of June following - which was held at Eldor John Hibbards, as may be seane by record

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Sharon Novembor - 23 - 1795 Then at a Chh meating of the Chh. of Royalton met at Silas Leonerds Sharon - after Prairs Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderator

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2 - Chose Bela Davis Clark protempro - the Chh - then reseved a Complaint from Brother Joseph wheat against Brother Andrew Bienton in the words following

to the Chh: of Royalton - Dear Bretherin - I have to let you know that I am Greaved with father: or Brother Boiantons Conduct, the matter of Greaf is this father Bointons various shiftings and ungodly windings in Conversations, makeing mistak and mischef in the neighbourhood and Chh; Joseph Wheat

after examing the Complaint and Evedances there unto the Chh: found Brother Bointon Gilty, of ungodly windings in the Case of Sister Leonerd, and mr finley - with regard to the Discorse of Brother Bington Betwean them after asking Brother Bienton Som Questions - the Bretherin Gave in that there minds were Dissatisfide - with Brother Bienton - and also in the Case with regard to Brother Bientons alleging that mr finley stealing his Cabage, Brother Bienton was Gilty of the Charg and agreable to the above Complant

also in the Case of Brother Bienton Buying the plow irons of Esqr Deany, found that Brother Bienton by his Discorse with Brother How and others was Gilty of willfull lying

after all things ware Considored, found the minds of the Chh - uneversaly Dissatisfide with Brother Bientons walk - therefore the Chh: undor a sence of the Dishonor Dun to God and Cause of Religon, by Brother Bienton, Do now by vote with Draw the hand of fellowship, from said Brother till he Shall Give Satisfaction by repentance

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Royalton June - 6th Day - 1796 - at a Chh - meating of the

Baptist Bretherin met at the House of Eldor John Hibbards, after praires the Bretheren
1 - voted and chose Deacon Peak moderator -

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2 - Voted that Brother Uriah Smith Set in Counsel with us

3-- after much Conversation, it was asked round of the Bretherin whether they fellowshipt Eldor Hibbard in all the Eydeas that he had then advanced which is upon Gospel Seporte of the ministry, and on Close Communion - those that liked his Eydeas was - Deacon Waler - Abraham Waterman - Ebenezer Woodard Joseph Wheat - Timothy Woodworth John Hibbard -- against it - Deacon Peak - Cyrus Tracy - Deacon Billings

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4 - Voted that by the above named Bretherin - by Dividing the hous - that they agrea with the Eldor in Close Communion and in Gospel Seport -- the other - 3 - Brther ware in the Negetive -- the meating was then adjirned till the - 22 - Day of Instant June - 12 - Oclock to meat at Eldor John Hibbards

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Royalton June - 22 - Day - 1796
the Chh : meat according to adjirnment at Eldor Hibbards - and after loocking to God by prare -- the Bretheren went into the Discrution of what they ware upon in the last meating Consarning the fellowshiping Deacon Billings in his open Com munion - the Bretheren (viz) Deacon waler - Abraham waterman - Timothy woodworth - Ebenezer woodard - John Hibbard and Eldor Hibbard - said that they Could not fellowship Deacon Billings in open Communion as he then Hild
Deacon Peak said, that he think Deacon Billinges opineon of Open Communion, is not a matter of Chh - Displine - and so said Brother Joseph waler - this was all that attended this meeting of that party

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it was then Put to vote whather it was a matter of Chh Disopline for a brother to refuse to D
o his Equal
Part toards the Seport of the teaching Eldor - according to his

ability -- it was voted in the farmetive -- the Chh was then Called upon to know whather they Could Commune with Deacon Billings, as he now Stands - the vote was in the negetive it was then voted that Eldor John Hibbard preach with us the next Sabath, and so to Continew to preach with us as often as he Can -- the meating was then adjirned till the Next friday Com weak to meat at this Plaice at - 10 - Oclock fore noone

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Royalton July - 1 - Day - 1796 - the Chh - meating was opened according to adjirnment at the House of Eldor John Hibbards and after Praire the Chh - Covenent was read over and Discor sed upon by the few that met - it was then proposed to Renew Covenent, all those that Could Go forward in Covenent and Chh: order, those that renewed Covenent was (viz) Deacon Isreal Waler Abraham Waterman John Hibbard and Eldor Hibbard - and after Giving of thanks the meting was Dismist

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Royalton August - 11 - 1796 at Chh meating hild at Eldor John Hibbards - after Prairs
1 - voted and Chose Eldor Hibbard moderatior for said meating the Bretheren then went into the consideration of the Nature of open Communion - and Close Communion - and to no the minds of all present - which was - 13 - in number to take both male and femaile -- the answer was as follows - Brother Elijah Huntington, said that it is a query in his mind, as to these matters - Brother Abner Pirkens against Open Communion - or to Commune with one that Dus hold to Open Communion, and all the rest of the bretheron and sisters ware of the same mind Except Deacon Peak Sistor Billings and Sister Susana Hibbard Deacon Billings was absent Deacon Peak then Desiored the Bretheren to tell him how they vewed him, in his standing in the Chh - those that could not fellowship Deacon Peak was (viz) Eldor John Hibbard Isreal waler - John Hibbard Abner Pirkens - Timothy woodworth the meating was then Dismist by Giveing of thank

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Sharon August - 8th 1796 at a Chh meating of the Chh of Royalton met at the House of mr James Townes - the meting

was opened by Prair to almighty God - - - - after som Conver sation, it was asked all round to the Bretheren present if they Did believe and Be Baptised, and that Baptism is Diping, or Emertion under water - the whole war in the afarmetive

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it was then asked all round whather the Bretheren Could Commune with a Person that hild to open Communion - or Could Commune with an upbaptised Person

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in the Negetive was (viz) Joseph wheat Isreal waler Roling Leonerd - John Hibbard Daniel Leonerd Nathan Parker Sister Parkhust Sistor Smith Sistor Naby Smith Roling Leonerd wife - Amos Dubeldea

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those that Did not alow of open Communion - but Could Commune with them that Did hold to open Communion war (viz) old Brother Dubledea - Silas Leonerd - David Ames Sistor Pheba Lord Sister Ames - Sister Dubeldea - these said they Could not fellowship an open Communior - nor Eate bread with him - but Still they Could not with Draw from him

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after this the Eldor Gave his Eydeas as follows (viz) that he Could not Commune with an open Communcant nor Could he Commune with one, that Could or Did Commune with an open Communicant - and Gave his reasons for it - and all Brothers and Sistors - Except Silas Leonerd and his wife said that they fellowshipt the Eldor in what he said - the meeting was then adjirned to the last Satorday in this month to met at this plaice - 10 - oclock fore noone

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Sharon - August 27 - 1796 -- the Chh meting was opened according to adjirnment - and after Praire and Suplecation -- the Bretherin went into Confarance, to Se if they Could Git fellowship, and Commune to gather the next day - But after much Discorse upon open Communion and Close Communion - there was But abought one half that Could - or Did Commune - for as there a papor - with Som artecals of the belieff of those that Did Commune - which Did not Sute the rest of the Bretheren they Did not Se Cause to Commune upon them

Conditions -- the papor, or Condition which those who Did Commune upon are as follows

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as Som of our Dear Bretheren vew that Baptism is not Nesasary before Communion at the Supper of our Blessed lord, or that they Could Commune with Such without there being Baptised -- and Sum of us hold it to be a matter of Disopline, or Laibor, and others do not -- we are Disagread and there is nothing more esencial, in Chh walk then that a Chh Should be agread in Disopline
2 - Sum hard Speaches which Evedance a hard sperit in our labors upon them - by our Dear Bretheren which sepose that the above things are not a matter of Labor
3 - Going to hear and fellwshiping Eldor Grow in his Preaching in his present Sittuation - all which thing we vew to be Disorder --- and Can our Bretheren Se it Consistant with the temper and truth of the Gospel - to take out of our way these thing and to walk in the faith and ordor of the Gospel we are ready to met you at the table of our Lord

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nearly one half of the Bretheren Present Did not Commune, at this time

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Sharon February - 20th 1797 - at a Chh meting hild at the House of Jonathan Hows agreable to appintment - 10 - oclok fore noone - the meting being opened by Prair -- the Bretheren of the Chh of Royalton there in a very full meting
1 - voted and Chose Brother Joseph Wheat moderator of said meting
2 - voted that Each Brother should tel the travel of his mind in order to se if a fellowship Could be ubtained as Christian Bretheren
3 - after Each Brother and Sistor had related the present state and tempor of there minds, there appeared to be a Considerable Degrea of love and fellowship to Each other as Christians
4 - the Chh - artecals was then read over and largely Dis coursed upon, whather they ware agreaible to the Scriptur Rule

5 - then the Bretheren that belonged to Sharon as they had Requested before toock our - or these Chh artecals for there Rule to Go by in there Chh state for they have Desiored the liberty of being a Chh by themselves - and - All the Bretheren that ware there from Royalton Chh Gave there free Consent --- the meting was then adjirned by the Sharon Bretheren to the second thirsday in March at 10 - Oclock

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Note - in the above Consent for the Sharon Bretherin to bee a Chh : by them selves - it was upon the Condition - that they Did agrea unto and signe the Chh articals which was then before them ; which was an exact Coppy of the Chh artecals and Covenent of our Chh of Royalton or som artecals Simelar - when this younion and signeing toock plaice ; and they lett Royalton Chh know of the younion and fellowship - the Chh : of Royalton was ready to Give to them the Right hand of fellowship as to a Sistor Chh

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Royalton June - 16 - 1797 -- then at a Chh : or Confarance meating of the Baptist Bretherin, meat at the House of Deacon Billinges - after Prairs - voted and Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderator for said meating

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2 - the Chh voted to admit into our Confarance or Chh meating - Brother Zebelun Hibbard and Brother Russel Ellis : both of Randolph

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3 - the Bretherin then toock the Chh : records and went into the Discrusion of all Difocalties that had bin in the Chh - Consarning Sistor billinges and Deacon Billings with Som others in the Chh

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there was then appinted another Chh meating to be held at Eldor John Hibbards on the : 6 : Day of July at one oclock fore noone - the meating was then Dismist by Giving of thanks

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Royalton July the : 6 : 1797 - the Chh mateing was opened according to agreament at the House of Eldor John Hibbards - and after Prairs

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1 - Voted and Chose Eldor Hibbard moderator for said meteing -

it was then : voted that Barzilar Davies act with us as a Brother ; in our faith

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3 - the Chh - then toock the record and loockt into all the Complaints Eldor Hibbard had brought into the Chh against Sistor Olive Billings Sistor Abogale Hibbard - and against Sistor olive billings Consarning Gospel Seport - and the Difocalties with Deacon Billing and others reletive to open Communion - and after much Discore upon the matter - it was voted, that the Eldor had Dun right in what he had Dun in them matters and after those Bretherin which signed there names which now follow had Dun signeing the meting was adjirned untill the : 27 : day of this instant July at : 1 : oclock after none to meat at this Plaice

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those who renewed Covenent and signed there names to go forward ware Eldor John Hibbard - Isreal Waler - Abnor Pirkens - Samuel Benedick - John Hibbard - Ebenezer Waterman - this was all the mailes, that was there : but : 3

Royalton July : 27 - day 1797 - the Chh meat according to adjirnment at the House of Eldor Hibbard was opened and after Prairs - it was voted that Deacon Barzliel Davies and Brother Russel Ellis set with us in Counsel

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2 - after much Discorse upon the Scriptures : and upon Chh afares it was agread to Chuse Eldor John Hibbard and Deacon Davies and Brother Benedick as a Commity to prepare the Bisones for the meteing - this meeting being adjirned till the 3 Day of August to meat at Eldor John Hibbards : at : 10 : oclock fore noone - and after giving of thanks the Bretherin went home - or was Dismist

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Royalton August 3 : Day - 1797 - the Chh meat according to adjirnment and after praire first voted that the Bretherin will

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take up the matter as the Commity has appinted : that was Chosen at our last meating

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2 - Voted that the Bretherin Do at this time - Exnoledge there

rong in not voteing to Except the Doings of the Counsel as they advised in October : 22 - 1796 and the Chh : Doth now Exnolidge the Doings of the Counsel to be right &c agreaible to the word of God

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4 - Deacon Billings handed into the Chh - a manefesto of what he saith his thought is : now : upon open Communion - it is in the words folowing

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I have said that if there should Be a Brother of the Congregational ordor - whose life and Conversation, should be agreaible to the Gospel - I Say, if such should insist to partake - not being Convinsed that he ought or aught not : in my mind I Could Givit to him - vewing him to stand or fall to his own master - I have said this - But it not my previlidge to partake with aney other Denomenation but my own.

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5 - Voted - that what the Bretherin would be undorstood to Cale Close Communion is - viz - that we Cannot admit to our Communion at the Lords table aney Person whatsoever, although we believe he is a Christian or a Converted person unless he has bin baptised in the Gospel way after Confescion of faith and was Dipte or Emersed undor wator in the name of the sacred trinity

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6 - Voted that the Chh will take undor Serious Considoration what steps or metherds they will take to laibour with those Bretherin that Do not agree with us - nor meat with us - at Chh and other meatings

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7 - Voted that the Chh will appint and send bretherin to those who Do not meat with us to inquiar of them the reason why they Dont mate with, us they have Covenented - and as the Chh Seposes they ought to have Dun

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8 - Voted to send Brother Benedick to inquiar after Brother Tracy
9 - Voted that Eldor Hibbard is appinted : to inquiar after Brother and Sistor Ames - why they Dont attend at our meating

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10 - Voted to send as a Commity to Sharon Bretherin : Eldor Hibbard Brother Benedick - and Brother Pirkins - to inquiar into

there situation and to report to the Chh at there next meating

11 - Voted to pospone the Difocaltes betweene Sistor Abogale Hibbard & Sistor Olive Billings till our next Chh meating

12 - Voted that the Difocalties with Sister Billings Consarning Gospel Seport is posponed till our next meating

13 - Voted that the Chh would be glad to have the Eldor Preach with us as often as he Can - and it is agread to be one third parte of the time and to meat in the read Scoole house : or aney other plaice that may be agreaide upon - after Giving of thanks the meating was adjirned to the : 17 : day of August : to meat at this plaice at - 1 - oclock after noone

at this last meating Deacon Barzelil Davies was Chosen moderator of the meating

Royalton August - 17 - Day : 1797 - then the Chh meat according to the adjirnment at the house of Eldor Hibbards : and after Praire ----

1 - Voted that Brother James Flint set in Counsel in this meating
2 - the Difocalty betweane Sistor Abogal Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings was taken into Considoration - the Complaint was read ; and the Sistors talked unto - But the Bretherin Did not Git Satisfaction with neither of them : as the question was asked all round

3 - the Bretherin then ; went into the Considordation of Sistor Billings Eydeas upon Communications : to the Preachor : of the Gospel - and asked Sum questions as to the present tempor of hur mind upon that matter - hur answer was - that hur mind was the same as it always was - after sum further Conversation upon that matter the Bretherin was asked all round, to se if they fellowshiped Sistor Billings in her Eydeas - it was answered in the negetive

4 - the Difocalty then with Deacon Billings upon open Communion was taken up - and the question Put to all the

bretherin: whather they ware sattisfide with Deacon Billings - it was answered in the Negetive

5 - it was then agread to have the lords suppor administred the last Saboth in this instant August if wine Can be ubtained

6 - Voted that this meating be adjirned till the - 7 - Day of September next to meat at this plaice at - 1 - Oclock after noone

Royalton Septembor - 7 - 1797 - the Chh meat according to adjirnment and after Prair being made, the Brethering went into the Considoration of som things reletive to what Brother Cyrus Tracy had ritten and handed into the Chh as his opinion Consarning the Doings of the Chh with Brother Billings and Sistor Billings and Sistor Abogaile Hibbard and his Excuse for not attending our Chh meatings as he ought which righting is in the words following as the papor will shew of it selfe

To the Chh: of Baptised Christians in Royalton -- whareas it appears by the votes of the Chh: at there last meating but one that Brother Benedick was appinted to inquior of me why I Did not meat with them at Chh: and other meatings - which appintment I was wholly ignorant of untill I heard the vote read at the last meating; I will indaver Charffully to answer the aforementined inquirey - I wish not to mock God, or lie to the Chh: the sitlication of my mind for a Considorable time past has bin and now is Cold Dead and lifeless, as to sperital religon which is undoubetedly one reason - but the prinseple reason why I have not attended meating, for worship on lords Days and others is - first the Distance that I am from the senteral part of the Chh: secondly: according to what information I have bin able to obtaine - the Chh has bin in such a situation for years past, that nothing sarting has bin known: as to there meating when they meat and when they Did not: but when Eldor Hibbard or aney teacher of the Baptist ordor have preached in the visinity whare I live, I have ever endavered as much as Circomstances did permit, to attend - as to my not attending Chh meatings more frequently, I will answer that, proverbely it may be oing in som masure to the

sittuation of my mind, but must say: that the matters which have bin handled when I have bin present: have bin such as I could by no meains Give fellowship to: the matter betwean Deacon Billing and the Chh - is a matter of meare opinion: and never has bin put in practise: & therefore I think Cannot rationly be brought into the Chh - as a matter of Disopline: and as I Gaine Deacon Billinges Ideas: I do not Diffor metearily from him - as to the Case of Sistor billings: I Cannot think it by aney means a matter of Disopline in the Chh: if She or aney Brother or Sistor in the Chh: is Gilty of Covitousness: let it be Disoplined by all means: but as the matter has bin handled in the Chh: it is mearly a matter of opinion and not to be Disoplined: and it appears to me, that the Conduct of the Chh: has Bin Straing very Straing indead upon it: they first Caled a Counsel, upon the matter; the resulte of which was: that it was a matter of Chh Disopline - the Chh: then voted not to Exept the Doings of the Counsel; but have lately turned abought, and agread with the Counsel, which conduct appears to me very unstable: and Duble minded -- as to the matter betweene Sistor Billings and Hibbard which was brought into the last meating, it was intiarly new to me: I never heard of it before: but from what I Could Gaine then, it appears to me, that there had bin an Eknolidgment made to the mutal satisfaction of the partis, more than two years ago; and to take the matter up now, in the manner in which it is taken appared to me then, and now, intiorly wrong: and I believe I was not alone in my opinion -- I Right this I trust, in Som Degrea at least: in a sperit of love tenderness and faithfullness; wishing no ill to the Chh: but wishing them all - Gospel Prosperity as the Chh of Christ: but must say that I reairly feair that this Chh: as a body swarved from that Charety which is the Ende of the Commandment out of a pure hart, and of a good Contiance, and of faith unstained: and have turned aside unto vaine Ganglings, and giving head to fables and endles Geneoleges, which ministor qustions rather than Godly Edefying which in faith - Septt. 7th 1797 -- Signed - Cyrus Tracy

2- As Brother Tracy Did not- as he said- no that he was right in his Eydeas as to the Doings of the Chh- he said- he wanted time to Considor further of his own Eydeas- that he might Git right if he was not right now- and the Bretherin was frealy Consenting

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3- Voted that Eldor and John Hibbards are appinted to right lettors to all those Bretherin and Sistors belonging to this Chh- which the Bretherin of the Chh- have ought against- and lay the same before the Chh: at there next meating

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4- Voted that this meating is adjirned untill the first thirsday in Novembor: then to meat at Eldor John Hibbards at one oclock after noone-- and the meating was Dismist by Giving of thanks

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Royalton Novembor: 2 Day: 1797- the Chh maton was opened acording to adjirnment: and as there was but a few that meat- the meating was again adjirned unto thirsday the 9: of instant Novembor: to meat at Eldor John Hibbards: 10 Oclock fore noone

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Royalton Novembor the: 9: the meating was opened according to adjirnment and as there was but a few that meat: it was againe adjirned untill thirsday the: 23 of Instant Novembor, to meat at: 10: Oclock fore noone at Eldor John Hibbards

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Royalton Novembor: 23 Day 1797- the Chh meating was opened according to adjirnment: but as the meating was very thin: the meating was again adjirned untill thirsday the: 14th of Decembor: to meat at Eldor John Hibbards: at: 10 Oclock fore noone

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Royalton Decembor the: 14: 1797 the Chh: meating was opened according to adjirnment and after Prairs- the Bretherin voted to have the lettors Read, that was rote by there Commity to send to such of the Brothers and Sistors as the Bretherin had ought against-- the letters was then read and Excepted by the Chh after som Emendments-- the Chh then voted that the

Clark of the Chh: should superscribe the lettors and Convey them to each of the Brothers and Sistors to whome they belonged: VIZ: Brother and Sistor Billings - Brother and Sistor Peak - Brother and Sistor Ames - and to Brother Joseph Waler - and to Brother Elijah Huntington - the mating was then after prairs adjirned untill the third Satorday in Jenewarry which is the: 20th Day of Jenewary next to meat at: 10: oclock fore noone at Elder John Hibbards - that aney of those Brothers or Sistor might have opertunity to frea there minds as to these lettors sent to them

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the lettor to Brother Joseph Waler is in the words following

Royalton Decembor the: 14th Day: 1797 -- Dear Brother it is with Sorrow of hart that we find our selves under the strongest obligation to admonish you in this manor - Oh Deare Brother; have we not ingaiged to love God, and Keep all his Commands; and to love one another, and to Pray for, and watch over one another - not for there halting: but in love, and to watch against all Error as to Doctren and practice and false opinions, as to the ordor of Christs house which is his Chh - and now Dear Brother, as we have sum things against you - we would tel you of them in the Bowels of Brotherly Love, hopeing that you will hear us, and that thereby we shall Gaine our Brother - in the first Plaice then we have this against you; your not attending with us at Chh: and other meating, when we sepose, nothing hindors but things of time or of this world, and we sepose, that to stay away from Chh: meating, on worley affairs; unless it be a work of nesesety is not right, nor according to our Covenent that we have entered into --- Secondly we Expect that you are of the opinion of open Communion; or at least, that you could Commune with one, that Dus hold to open Communion - which is to us the same thing - for the partaker of aney Evel is as bad as the Evel itselfe - the man that steals is no wors than he who portaks of the things Stolen, as we think - therefore we intreat of you, that you would Satisfy us

in this mattor, as you Desior the Peaice and prosperity of the Chh - and we shall indaver to Give you an opertunity to make your reply to this lettor: and hope that it may be Satisfactory to all Consarned in the Cause of the Grate and Deare redeamor: and to us your Bretheren ---- we would further informe you that the Chh - has a meating appinted on Satorday the :20: of Jenewary next at :10: oclock fore noone at Eldor John Hibbards hope you will attend - Signed in behalf of the Chh - John Hibbard Chh Clark

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the lettor to Brother and Sistor Peak is in the words following

Royalton December - 14 - 1797

Dear Brother and Sistor, we send you these few lines hoping you will reseive them as Coming from your true harted frinds and Bretherin in the Lord; we Grately lement your warping of or turning, as we think, from the purety and semplisety of the Gospel Rule, as to the ordor and Disoplien of Christs house: you are Sensable, you are Sensable, that our labours have been long and tedious; Both with Deacon Billings and his wife and althoughe you Did not appeare to be of there way of thinking; yet you said you seposed that there Prinsables and Conduct was not a matter of Disopline in the Chh: and therefore you Could not agrea with the Chh - and when the Chh Discovered there Error in not Excepting the Doings of the Counsel in the matter of Sistor Billings; you Could not Joyne in hart but seamed to sepose; the Chh to be rong, in Reconsidoring that vote; and still to ask for satisfaction from Sistor Billings - all of which things is a Greaff to us your Bretherin; and for which we are Exceading sorry - you seame to think, that Because he said that he would not Commune with an unbaptised person to the ofense of his bretherin; that it ought not to be an ofence to the Bretherin -- what if a person should say; I wont steal, if it is an ofence to my Bretherin; lye or Cheat or Git Drunk or lay with one of our Brothers wifes; if it will Give ofence an ofence to my Bretherin; otherwise I Could do aney or all of them; we Conclude: that this would surprise - and you would think such a Brother ought to be Delt with in the Chh; by all means - now it is not in our

opinion one Graine Plainer forbid to Do, these abomenation then it is Commded to be Baptised, before we Com to the Lords table - for the Command is ; Believe and be Baptised, and this we Conseve to be the onley Rule for us to be Dyrected by - and Dear Brother and Sistor although you Donte fully Joyne with open Communion ; yet you make your selves partakers of there Errors ; by Joyning with them; as we think ; therefore we Exorte you to lay aside - and renounce your Edyeas or Else prove them to be right from the bible ; and if you Can prove that you are right ; that will prove that we are rong ; an if we are Rong we want to know it ; and you ought to bring forward your bible proof ; as it is a matter of Grate Consarnment to the peaice of the Chh ; in which we have in the most sollom manor ingaiged to walk : according to Gods word - therefore we Expect as you are sensable that we have these things against you ; that you would clear up this matter of Grevence ; we shall indaver to Give you opertunety if the lord will before long - the Chh has a meating on Satorday the : 20th of Jenewary at Eldor John Hibbard : 10 : oclock fore noone

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The letter to Brother and Sistor Ames is in the words following

Royalton Decembor the : 14 : 1797

Beloved Brother and Sistor ; rememering our vows to God and you ; and yours to God and us ; younightedly to maintain the much Dispised Cause in which the world the flesh and Divel are atakeing the Saints to Draw there feat astray from the laws and testemonies of Christ ; we have Ingaiged to watch over Each other in the love of God : not ontely against more Groos Evels - but Every thing that is not according to sound Doctrin - and we your Bretherin being Greaved with you, these lines stateing the matter of our Grevence to let you no that we hainte forgot you and first we are Greaved that you have absented your selves from the Chh in time of troble - ulthough it is very Evedent the Chh is chosen in the furnice of affliction - and it is through much tribulation we must Entor into the Kingdom of God - Second we are Greaved

that you are turned from the Disopline of the Chh
and admit open Communion in the Chh - and if not to hold it
your selves you justefy them that Do which is trifeling with
Divine Institutions therefore with the Instetuter -- at the
same time we hold that none have a right to the holy ordenance
bot Believers neither Can it be administred Rightly : but by
Emersion
Dipintgon the boddy in water in the name of the triune - God
- thirdly - we Conclude you Justefy Sistor olive Billings in
hur Princeples in maintaining the Gospel minestor - which is we
think Repugnant to the Scriptures of truth -- forthly and last
we are gellous over you with Godly Gellousey - that you have
Got away from God; and have more Consarn for the world
then for the Inosent Cause of Jesus - and now Bretherin
we Pray beg Exort and Admonish you to Return to the Chh
as to those who watch for your soles and much longed for --
we would informe you that the Chh has a meating on Satorday
the : 20th of Jenewary at Eldor John Hibbards - at : 10 : oclock
forenon Pos - we are willing you Should have an oppertunity
to prove your above Conduct to be Scriptural before the Chh;
and if it be not Scriptural you will Se : we Cant love you
in faithfulness : without Admonnetion

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the lettor to Sistor Abogal Hibbard is in the words following

Royalton Decembor - 14th 1797

Deare Sistor; we your Deare Bretherin we hope in the lord;
find our Selves undor the strongest obligation to address you
in this manor for as we with you have avouched the lord
Jehovah to be our God and king our Savour and redeamor -
so it becomes us to walk as Children of the light and of the
Day, and not of the night or of darknes and Deare Sistor,
when we heard of your foolish Contentions and hard Speaches
against Sistor Billings; it Greaved our harts, to think, that
Sistors in Covenent with God and one another should fall out
by the way, and Dishonor God, and bring up an Evel report of
the Goodly land; oh Dear Sistor you must be sensable, that
the Enemise of the Cross of Christ, Grately Rejoyce at these

things; saying report and we will report it----
we Cant but hope, that you have had sorrow of hart, and broken ess of hart, for your thus steping out of the way, and Going onto forbiden Ground - and that the lord has Givin you Repentence
and now Deare Sistor we want you to Comforth and Confess your falt, and take up the Stumbling block; and let your Con fescion be known as far as the offence is known; which may God Grant; we Propose and hope to Give you an Opertunity before long if the lord will

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the lettor to Brother Billings, is in the words following

Royalton Decembor : 14th 1797

Dear Brother and much longued for; you are Doubtles well ac quainted with our painfull labours in the Chh; for yours also; that the Chh: has now a laibour with you; and we your Bretherin - Rememboring the Vows we once made with God and you - Desior in love to tell you what they are in lettor - and to intreat you to turn from them - first in regard to Sistor Olive your wife - the wicked sentements which she has held Consarning the hyor wages or maintainance of the Gospel minestor; which sentement has Dun much Evel in our Chhs; and still is Doing Evel in ours--- that you have joyned your selfe with har in sentement or Declare it a thing of nought or not worth attention in the Chh - which has been a means of weakning the Chh in there Disopline: hindering the Chh in those things from Riseing into Gospel ordor, which has bin hurtfull to the said Olives sole; and also yours--- as at this Day - as we think----

2 - your holding to sentements of open Communion : which in our vew of things is repugnant to the streight wais of Christ for it appears to us that Baptism in water in the name of the father sun and Holy Ghost is before the Suppor - and we have no account in the Scriptures: that ever the Converts, Came to the Suppor before they ware Baptised - But much Scripture that they ware first baptised; this sentement of yours, Dus tend to weaken the hands of your Greaved and pained Bretherin

strong then the hands of Error and that limb of Rome: infant Baptism
3- it appears to us: that through the Darkness of your mind: or som other quater your mind is Convied in Difforant ways- som times you have said, all that you hold to is- VIZ- you Cant forbid an unbaptised Christian taking the Bread and Wine, at the Sacrement- at this or these times when you have said thus- we and others have understood you that you want an open Communion- but felt very tendor in your mind, and Could not bare to Contend at the table of the lord- when at other times when you have bin questioned in ordor to find out your mind more perfectly you have said you Could meat unbaptised Christians at the Communion- and hand the bread and wine to them--- this thing also we are Greaved with-- Dear Brother; Do not these things ylly becom a Private Brother: much more a Deacon who ought to bea full of and sound in the faith- and now in the Bowels of love we intreat of you to turne and repent; and admonish you searisly to take these thing into Considoration and Comfort the harts of your Bretherin by turning to the lord and them

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The lettor to Sistor Olive Billings is in the words following

Royalton Decembor - 14th 1797

Beloved Sistor Olive we feal our selves Bound in love to you and the Cause of truth; having, not forgot the vous we once maid, to be the Humble follows of the meak lamb of God, and to watch over one the other for Good; we in faithfullness and love send you these few lines, to let you no, that we are Greaved with your Sentements and Conduct; and in paine for you - 1st we say ware Dissatisfide with you in regard to your sente ments, as to the Seport of the Preacher of the Gospel; which are- VIZ- you sepose we are undor no more; or Difforant obligation to the ministor; then to aney Pore Brother- this is to say, as long as the Preacher can maintaine him selfe; Bretherin are undor no Obligation to him as a Preacher- But we Believe that the Lord lays them undor Nesasaty to Preach

the word, and us undor obligation to Communicate unto them in Carnal things, as there highor, or wages, or there milk of the flock, or frute of the vine - and this for there - Preaching, or Spending there time, in the ministry - and this to be Dun in the Chh: by Equalety as Saith the aposel - - - - -
2 - We are Greaved with you; for your youseage to our Eldor Hibbard, almoste from first to last, you may undorstand, that it ylly becomes Profesors of Religion, to try hurt the Carrictor of the ministors of Christ - 3rd we are Greaved with you, for the Hard Sperit you Discover, which is obveous to us; and others aganst the Eldor - 4th we are Greaved with you; that you hold Open Communion, it not being in the Scripturs of truth - - and now we intreat Pray and Admonish you in Bowels of marcy; that you turn from these things; to Christ and your Bretherin - - - -
5th we are Greaved, that you absent your selfe from the worship of God with the Chh: in Company - which we conclude is the Effect of your hard Sperit: as Spoken of Above - - Pray turn from these things and may the Grtious Lord Give you undorstanding - we shall have a Chh meating on Satorday: 20: Jenwary at Eldor John Hibbards - 10: Oclock fore noone

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The lettor to Br Elijah Huntington is in the words following

Royalton Decembor - 14th 1797

much Beloved Brother: long and painfull have bin the Laibors in the Chh: to which you and we belong - you also are apprised of the labors the Chh: hath with you; but perhaps not a right statement of them - wharefore we undortake; in love to state the several things which are Caus of our Greaf with you 1st we are Greaved with you, that you should Joyne with Sistor Olive Billings in hur sentements as to the Communications of the Chh: of there Carnal thing to the minestor of the Gospel to the hurt of the Sistor, Dishonory to the laws of Christ - hurtfull to sion at large inervating to the Disopline of our Chh: and Hurtfull to your selfe - - - for we believe that the same lord of salvation which lais nesasety on the minestors to preach &c: obliages Bretherin to bestoe Carnal things - for it is the oxes

right not to have his mouth museled; that he may eate the Corne- he that Planteth a winyard; it is his right to eat the frute thereof- and that feadeth a flock to eate of the milk of the flock- and all this to be Dun by Equality, that one be not eased and another Burdened: 2- we are Greaved with you that you are so in favor with Open Communion as to fellowship it in the Chh- as it lends to strengthen the erronious sit at nought the streight ways of Christ and weakining the hands of your Greavd Bretherin- who would strive for the faith of the Gospel- a word to the wise being surficiante: we intreat of you to lay these Rongs by: renounce them: and in the bowels of love we Exorte and admonist you to turn to God and your agreaved Bretherin which is our Desior in praire to God for you
P-S- we your Bretherin to hear you consarning the above will the lord willing ever be ready to heare you
the Chh has a meating on Satorday the :20th of Jenewary at Eldor John Hibbards -10- Oclock fore noone

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Royalton Sunday the -17th of December; 1797 the Baptist Chh in Royalton appinted a Chh meating- to be held at Eldor John Hibbard on monday the 25:th of instant Decembor:12 ocl oclock at noon

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Royalton Monday the :25th Day of Decembor: 1797- the Chh meating was opened at Eldor John Hibbard according to appint ment- agread upon Sunday the- 17th ----------
- the Bretherin then went into Conversation with Eldor Hibbard to know of him if he was ingaiged to Go and Preach at the town of wilbreham with the Baptist Chh: there- he answered in the affarmetive- that he was- and Exspected to go: Either in february or June next -- the Bretherin appeared to be sorry that he was a going away; but Did not blaim him for so Doing- but Blaimed them selves- as being partely the Cause- as they had not full fild all there incurigements to the Eldor- there was a Good Deaile of Conversation- upon the Duty of the: Chh: & Chhes: to seport the Eldors- or Preachers of the Gospel- and the Grate Duty of seporting them; to live as well as the Bretherin

that the labourer was worthy of his reward - and after much talk and Brotherly agreament and fellowship in the truth ----
- Br - Samuel Benedick subribed to Give to Eldor Hibbard : £1-0-0
Br - Abner Pirkins subcribed 1 ½ boshel of whate or ---: 0-9-0
John Hibbard subcribed 1-½ boshel of whate or 0-9-0
Deacon Isreal Waler said he would Give somthing soon as he Could - the meating was Dismist by Giving of thanks

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Royalton Jenewary ; 20th - 1798 - the Chh - meating which was adjirned on the 23 of Novembor - to Jenewary the : 20th was this Day openid according to Adjirnment - that our Bretherin to whome the Chh : had sent letters of Admonetion might appear and answer to those Complaints - and almost all of them Did appeare - the meating was opened by Prair the Chh - then Chose Brother Isreal Waler moderator as Deacon Davis the formor moderator : was not present the Bretherin then, went into a long Discorse upon the Natour of open Communion, and of Gospel Seport to the Preachers of the Gospel, how and in what manor it ought to be Purformed - and after much Debeate, it was agread to Call for Counsel - and voted to send to the following Chhes - VIZ - Bradford Chh : Eldor Stone and other faithfull Bretherin - to woodstock Eldor Ransom : Deacon Cottle and Brother Ralph - Hartland : Deacon Dan Davison and Timothy Groe - Hartford : Deacon Fowler and Br. hall Hanover Br : Isaac Bridgman, and one more faithfull Brother - Norwich Eldor Low : Deacon Bartlett and Deacon Hill 2 - Voted to have the Counsel set at Deacon Billinges - or at Eldor John Hibbards Royalton on the last wedensday in February at : 9 : oclock fore noone - 3 - voted that Eldor Hibbard rite the Chhes request and send it to the above names Chhes - the Chh then voted : that this meating is adjirned untill the thirsday before the last wedensday in February : to meat at Eldor Hibbards : 1 : oclock after noone

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Royalton, Saboth Day - 11 - February - 1798 -- after meating, as

the Bretheren, was informed, that Contrary, to the Eldors and all the Chhes Expecttation, the Eldor was sent for, to Go to Wilbraham, and so of Consaquence, Could not attend the Counsel, as it stood in the lettors, sent out to the Sistor Chhes - on the last wedensday in February it was motioned Voted and Agread, that the time for the seting of the Counsel, is heareby Posponed untill the second wedensday in June to begin at - 9 - Oclock fore Noone, at the house of Deacon John Billings in Royalton -- and that the Chh meating, which was appinted to be the last thirsday in February, is posponed untill, the first wedensday in June, to meat at Deacon Billinges in Royalton at - 1 - Olock after noone and that we send to the above Chhes of the posponement

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Royalton June the - 6 -th Day - 1798

the Chh - meating that was posponed untill this Day, was opened according to the agreament - and after prairs - Deacon Davis being moderator - as Deacon Jedidiah Griswell was at the meating - it was voted that he should set in Counsel with the Chh

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2 - the Bretheren went into Considoration, of what was proper to put in righting as the maters to Lay before the Counsel if they should Com as Expected - But Did not agrea

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3 - Voted to Chuse a Commity, to weight upon the Counsel and to lay the matters of Diforance before them

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4 - Voted that Eldor John Hibbard Deacon Samuel Peak - Abner Pirkens and Deacon Barzehiel Davies, is the Commity for the above purpose

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5 - Voted that this meating is adjirned untill wensday the : 13 : of this instant June, then to meat Deacon John Billinges at : 8 : oclock in the fore noone

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Wedensday - 13 - June - 1798 - the Chh meating was opened according to adjirnment, and after Praire the Chh agread upon what was to be ritt, as matter of the Chhes ageviance with som

Brothers and Sisters in the Chh in the words following----

Beloved Bretheren - and Fathers of the Counsel - the matters of Laibour with us are our Difforant belieff, of open and Close Communion - 2nd in Communications to the Gospel Minnistor -- Som of us hold, that we are undor no more - or Difforant obligation to the Minnistor, then to aney Poor Brother - also Som of us hold, that it is, not our Previlige to Commune with aney Chhes bout oure own ordor, yet should a Congregational Brother Com to our Commu nion, we Could Give him the Bread, but would not Do it to the Greaff of our Bretheren - 3rd Som of us vew these sentements matter of Laibour and Disopline, and Som Do not - For Further Information, inquiar of our records and we want your Counsel undor the kind Lord, on the whole of the matters in Dispute

the Chh - then voted that Deacon Billing be one of the Chhes Commity, to lay the matters before the Counsel in the Rome of Brother Pirkins chosen at the last meating - and the Commity with the Chh Desiored that Elder Hibbard should be the Cheaff speaker, to the Counsel
the Chh then went into the Rome whare the Counsel was and by vote, agreaid upon the Counsel then present - which are as followes - viz - from woodstock, Eldor Ransom and Deacon Cottle and Brother Ralph - from Hartland Deacon Davison and Brother Timothy Grow - from Hartford Deacon Elisha Flower and Brother Labond Hall, from Sharon - Eldor Joseph Wheat - from Brockfield Brother Hovey - from Cheley Deacon Jedidiah Griswell

Eldor Hibbard then opened the matters of Diffocalty before the Counsel for there Considoration and advice: the Counsel then entered into a large
and long Discorse upon the Eydeas of the matters before them - Eldor Ransom in his Discorse hild forth, that he was rather of the opinion that, for a man or a Brother, to hold that he Could ocationly Commune with an unbaptised Person, was not a

matter of Disopline - and Deacon Cottle was of the same opinion, all the rest of the Counsel was of a Difforant opinion - as it appeaired by their Conversation - at Last the question was put by asking all round whather the above Eydea was a matter of Chh Disopline --- in the afarmetive - 8 - toit - Eldor Wheat - Deacon Davison - Deacon Fowler - Deacon Griswell - Laband Hall - Brother Hovey - Brother Grow and Brother Ralph --

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in the Negetive - Eldor Ransom and Deacon Cottle - the Counsel then toock up the Eydea, of not being undor no more obligation to seport, or Diforant obligation to teaching Eldor - then a Poore Brother - and whether the Eydea that the Bretherin, was not undor aney more obligation to a teaching Eldor then to a poore brother was a matter of Disopline -
the whole of the Counsel was in the affarmetive -- for they Concluded that the Eydea sprang from a Covetious sperit, or a hard sperit

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the question was put to the Counsel, whether as Sistor that had a husbond Hild to such an Eydea, it was a matter of Disopline - the answer was, that it altered not the Case - But agrevated the thing - if she was opposed to har Husbond - the Counsel then Disolved them selves - after intreating us to settle all our Difforances in love

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the Chh then went by them selves to se if they had Got aney light by the Counsel we had reseived - the question was put to Every brother - how his mind stood - John Hibbard Seanor said his mind stood as it always had against open Communion - and so said Br Isreal Waler - and Br Pirkens - and Br Woodard - and Br Woodworth and Br Waterman - and Br Benedick and Br - Hunt Eldor Hibbard Deacon Davies

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Deacon Billings in answer to the same question said, that his mind was not much altered, but if aney thing he was rather Confarmed in what we Call Open Communion - Sistor Billings said har mind is not altered Deacon Peak saith his mind is not altered - Sistor Peak saith the same Br Joseph waler saith his

mind is not altered - and Br Elijah Huntington saith his mind is the same as it was

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the Fathers and Bretheren of the Counsel, ware then Called in whare the Chh was seting, and it was made known to them, that our Bretheren with whome we were Greaved, had told us that they Could not se Cause to alter their opinions - and that we ware still Disogread so after Giveing of thank, and prairs to God - the meating was Disolved - then Deacon Billings Gave Public notice that he and Deacon Peak should for the futer, hold meating at his house on the Saboth - VIZ - Deacon Peaks house

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it was then agread to hold a Confarance on the first wedensday in July , to meat at Deacon Billinges, at : 1 : oclock after noone

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wedensday July the 4th the Chh ; meat for Confarance, as agread at Deacon Billinges, and after Prairs went into Convorsation Conserning the advise of the Counsel, and our Diforant Eydeas of the order of Christs House, But our matters ware not Heated, But agread to have another Confarance, on the last wed ensday in August to meat at Deacon Billinges, at : 1 : Oclock after noon - the meating was Dismist by Giving of thanks

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Royalton - August - 29 - 1798 - wedensday, the Bretheren meat according to a[g]reament, and after prairs, the Bretheren went into Discorse upon Sistor Billinges Eydeas upon Gospel seport of ministors, and upon hur Eydeas upon open Communion, and upon Both our Deacons Eydeas upon open Communion, But the Bretheren Did not Git Satisfaction from them, and are therefore still Dissatisfied with them, But agread to have another Confarance or Chh - meating the - Monday folowing the : 3 : Sunday in October which will be the 22 - Day of October, to meat at Deacon Billinges at :9: oclock fore noon the meating was then Dismist by Giveing of thanks

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Royalton October - 22 - At a Chh - meating or Confarance hild at Deacon Billinges, Present at said meating Eldor Hovey Eldor Low Eldor Wheat and Deacon Burnam - these Bretheren being

present it was voted that they should set in Counsel with us--
---After Conversation with Deacon Billings, he said he was convinst that his Eydeas Contained in these words - not being Convinst that he ought or ought not in my mind, I could Give it to him vewing him to stand or fall to his own mastor (See Chh - record - this he acnoges is inconsistant, and that he was Rong, and takes back all that he has said in faver of open Communion, as he is unestablished with respect to Open Communion, and that he Can not Give Bread to a Congregational; while he is in Doubts respecting this matter
---After Conversation with Deacon Billings the Bretheren Concluded that they ought not to Disopline Deacon Billings for his tryals as he sais he is unsettled in his mind, vewing these things we ware satisfide, and toock back there Disopline or Proseding again him

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2 - upon further Conversation with Deacon Peak, we find that he never vewed Deacon Billings as an open Communicant, but bore his unastablishment as a burden, and thinks it is not Disaplineble---- the Bretheren Concluded Deacon Peak was not Disoplineble and Confest there rong in admonishing him

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3 - Upon further Conversation on the following idea of Sistor Billings VIZ - that she was under no more, or Difforant Obligation to Communicate to a ministor, then to aney poore Brother, is not a matter of Disopline - toit - the Eydea simply Considored in it selfe, though we think the idea is not Good---
--- Takeing all these things into serious Considoration we think we Did rong in admonishing our Bretheren for saying the above idea of Sistor Billings was not Disoplineble - and through the Goodness of God those that ware present ware hapely unighted and Concluded to walk to gather, in fellowship - VIZ - John Hibbard Saml Benedick Samuel Peak John Billings Ebenezer Woodard Joseph waler Sistor Waler and Sistor Peak

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4 - appinted a Chh meating on friday next week at the house of Deacon Billinges which will be the - 2 - Day of Novembor

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Royalton November the - 2 - Day - 1798 - the Chh - meating was

opened at Deacon Billinges according to adjirnment and after prares
1 - voted and Chose Deacon Barzehiel Davice moderator of said meeting

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the Bretheren then went into the Considoration of what was Dun at the Last Chh meating, or Confarance, and what was then writ as to Confesing our falts one to another, and whare in we had been Disagread - Brother Abner Pirkens and Brother Abraham Waterman, being Present, Brother Pirkons was Satisfide with the acnolidgement of Deacon Billings, Brother Waterman wanted time to Consider of it - as to Sistor Billings all the Bretheren, ware agread, that the simple idea of not being undor no more or Difforant Obligation to Contribite to an Eldor then to a Poore brother, Considored in itis selfe, is not a matter of Chh Disopline, though they do not like the idea -- and as Deacon Peak and Sistor Peake Did not vew Deacon Billings as an open Communicant, and as they was Greaved to se Brother -- Billings so unastablished - we are led to believe that we was Rong, in admonishing them, as well as Brother Elijah Hun tington and Brother Joseph Waler, and Brother and Sistor Ames, and we Do agrea to take back, or by this Do Declaire that we take of all the Admonetions we had against them --- -- Rejoyceing that we se such a sperit of love and forgivness toard Each other, and in an agreament to walk togather in the truth and faith of the Gospel -- the Chh meating was then adjirned after Giving of thank - But appinted a Chh meat ing to be hild at John Hibbards, on Satorday, the : 10 : Day of Novembor, and if nothing Prevents or is in the way - to have Lords Suppor administerd, the Saboth following

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Royalton Novembor : 10 : Day - 1798 - the Confarance was opened at John Hibbards, according to agreament - Brother Culver and Brother Abraham Waterman was present, and both was Satisfide with Deacon Billings retraction and taken of our lettors of admontion from those above named Brothers and Sistors -- and all the Brothers and Sistors then manefested a Desior to have the lords Suppor administored the next Day and

it was so agread -- the Confarance was Dismist by prair after agreaing to have a Chh meating at the read Scoole house - 23 - novembor 12 : oclock

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Lords Day Novembor - 11 - the Lords Suppor was administerd by Eldor Wheat, Esq - Waterman was taken into the Chh, all the Brothers and Sistors portoock Except Sistor Peak and brother Tracy

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Royalton Novembor - 23 Day - 1798 - the Chh meating was opened at the read Scoole house according to appintment and after Praires - 1 - Voted and Chose Deacon Billings moderator

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the Bretheren then went into the Considoration of the Duty of Raiseing somthing by subscription to Bestoe to the preachors of the Gospel and it was voted that we would subcribe as we thought was our Duty, and after we had all signed to Give somthing the meating was adjirned untill the - 1 - Monday in Jenewary to meat at Deacon Billinges at - 12 - Oclock in the Day the meeting was Dismist by Giving of thank

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Royalton Saboth Day Decembor - 16th 1798 -- after meating, the Bretheren appinted a Church meating to be hild at Brother Ebenezer Woodards, on thirsday the 20th Day of instant Decembor at ; 12 Oclock at noon

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Royalton Decembor the - 20th Day 1798 -- the Chh meating was opened at Ebenezer Woodard, agreable to appintment and after Prairs - first voted and Chose Deacon Peak moderator of the meating

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the Brethoren then went into the Considoration of whather the East and west part of the Bretheren of Royalton Chh had best be Divided into two Parts -- it was resolved in the negetive

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the Bretheren, attended the Relation of Experance of Thomas Ainsworth and his wife and Eunice Battis and Eunice woodworth - in which Relation the Chh was Satisfide, and reseved them into there fellowship - the meating was then Dismist, by Giving of thanks

Royalton Jenewary : 6 - Sunday, after meating, the Baptist Bretheren agread to pospon the Chh - meating which was adjirned to the first monday, in Jenewary - untill the first monday in march and then to meat at the same Plaice and time of Day, as was appinted before, which will be on the : 4 : day of march

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Royalton march : 4 : Day : 1799 -- the Chh - meating was opened agreable to adjirnment at Deacon Billinges, and after prairs and reading the latter part of the Chh artecal records -- -- the Brethoren Desiored to Know, of Sistor Olive Billings whather she was satisfide, with what the Chh - had Dun reletive to the withdrawing : or : taking back the lettors of admonetion, from hur and the other Brothers and Sistors that was admonished, and whather she Can forgive the Bretheren for admonishing as they have Dun

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Sistor Billings said, that she was not ready to give hur answer to the above question

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Brother Elijah Huntington saith he is well satisfide, as to the Chhes taking back there admontions, as they have Dun, and that he has nothing against to Bretheren

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the meeting was then adjirned to Satorday next, to meat at Deacon Billinges at : 10 : Oclock fore noone -- which will be the : 9th Day

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Royalton march : 9 Day 1799 the Church meating was opened at Deacon Billinges according to adjirnment and after prairs

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1 - the Bretheren, inquired of Sistor Olive Billings, if she was sattisfide, with the Chhes withdrawing, there letters of admonetion, which was sent to som of them, she answered in the afarmetive, that she was satisfide

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the Bretheren then, went into the Considoration of the Difocalties which had bin long, betweene Sistor Billings and Eldor Hibbard and upon the Desior of the Bretheren, Sistor Billings talked freely and told wharein, she thought Eldor

Hibbard had bin to blaime and hur hard fealing toards him- Eldor Hibbard made an answer, to all that she said, and he said it was likely, that he had said, maney things, that she might take an ofence at

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it was then voted, that Each Brother should say, what they have against Sistor billings, as to those Difocalties betweene Sistor Billings and Eldor Hibbard

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Deacon Peak was the first that gave his mind, and said, that as Sistor Billings, has confest, hur hardness, and hard speaches toards Eldor Hibbard, and has asked forgivness, that undor Every Considoration he fields to forgive Brother Elijah Huntington, likewise, and Brother Woodworth and Brother Waler, and Brother Abraham Waterman, and John Hibbard Sanier and Brother Ebenezer Woodard, all feile to forgive - Brother Benedick was not ready to give his answer then

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the question was then asked of Sistor Billings, whather she did think now, that Eldor Hibbard, toock up preaching, for the sake of the things of this world, she answered no, she did not now think so though once she was affraid he Did

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the question was then put, whather the Bretheren was satisfide with respect to Eldor Hibbards talk with Sistor Billings, as above Relaited

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Brother Benedick answers satisfide, he had nothing against the Eldor - likewise Brother Woodworth, and Brother Waler, and Brother Woodard, and Brother Abraham Waterman, and Brother Huntington, and John Hibbard, Deacon Peak not fully satisfied, and Deacon Billings not satisfied and Brother Ames not satisfied

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it was then voted to Chus a Commity, to prepare and bring forward in ordor, what ought to be acted upon in the next Chh, meating - and Deacon Billings and Brother Huntington was Chosen, for that Ende.

the meating was then adjirned to the first monday after the second Saboth in may next which will be :13: Day to meat at Deacon Billinges :9: oclock fore noon

Royalton may : 13th Day : 1799 -- then the Chh meating was opened according to adjirnment at Deacon Billinges, and after praires, the Doings of the last meating was read over

the Bretheren then went into Conversation, with regard to Sistor Billings, whather she was of the Opinion, that Open Communion was right or whather she Could Commune, with unbaptised Christians, at the Lords table, she answar, in the Negitive

the Bretheren, then talked abought, old Difocaltes, between Sistor Hibbard, and Sistor Billings, but as Sistor Hibbard was not there, they Did not Do aney thing abught it

it was then agread to have Confarances, one a month, to be hild on the first wedensday of Each month, the first to be hild at Deacon Billinges in June

and after praires, the meating was by vote Dismist

Royalton Septembor : 7 : 1799 --- then, agreaible to a vote of the Bretheren, a Chh : meating was hild at Deacon Billinges in said town and after Prairs being made

1 : Voted and Chose Br Abraham Waterman Senor, moderator of said meating

2 : it was voted, that all the Brn which was hear from other Sistor Chhes, should seat with us in Counsel, in this meating - namely - Deacon Fowler Eldor Wheat, Deacon Davice, Dan Hunt, and Silas leonerd Eldor John Hibbard

it was then asked of the Bretheren, all round, if they ware satisfide with Deacon Billings, as to what he had said, as to Close Communion

for Answer to this question, it was answered all round, that

they ware satisfide, and the Sistors likewise, ansired, satisfide

it was then Asked all round, of the Bretheren, if they ware satisfide, with Deacon Peake, reletive to his Eydeas on Communion

the Bretheren, and Sistors, answered, all satisfide
the Bretheren then talked of Communeing the Next Lords Day, but it was agread, not Commune, untill we had another Chh: mateing

the Chh: then voted to Desior Eldor Wheat, and Br Silas Leonard to inquiar after, Sistor Parkhust, and Sistor Dresor, at Sharon and repor how they find them, at our next: or som futer meating as soon as they Can.

the meating was then adjirned after Giving of thanks, untill the :16 Day of Septembor, then to meat at the Read Scoole house in Royalton at :12: oclock on said Day

Monday September :16: 1799 - then the Chh: meating was opened at the read Scoole house, agreable to adjirnment, and after prairs

1: Voted and Chose Eldor John Hibbard moderator in the roome of Brother Abraham Waterman, who was moderator at the last meating

the Bretheren, then talked largely upon maney of there former Eydeas, in Good harmony and agreament untill the Day was spent, and then adjirned this meating untill Satorday the :13: of October next, then to meat at Deacon Billinges, at :1: Oclock after noone.

Royalton October - 13th 1799 the Chh - meating that adjirned to this Day was then opened at Deacon Billinges agreaible to adjirnment and after prairs

1 - Voted and Chose Eldor Hibbard moderator againe as our first modorator viz - Abraham Waterman was not present

2 - Eldor Hibbard queried with Deacon Billings whather he had

aney hardness against him - the Deacon answered no he had not - and there was som talk abought Sistor billinges Eydeas but not much

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3 - the Bretheren reseved a request from the Bretheren at Brantery to send som of our Bretheren to help them frome a Chh -- the Chh agred and sent Deacon Billing and Deacon Peak to meat 2 : Wedonsday Novembor at Gideons matings the meating was then Disolved -- but agread to hold a Confarance at Brother Woodworths the : 3 Wedensday in Decembor

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the Bretheren met at Brother Woodworths on the : 3 : Wedensday of Decembor and agread to have another Confarance at Deacon Billinges on the : 20 Day of Decembor to meete at : 12 : Oclock

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Royalton Decembor - 20th 1799 the Bretheren meat in Confarance as agread Eldor Hibbard present and a hard tryal was made for a setlement between Sistor Billings and Eldor Hibbard but Could not Efect it and the bretheren appinted a Confarance to hild at brother woodworths the second Wedensd in Jenewary

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Jenewary - 8 - Wedensday the Bretheren met in Confarance at Brother Woodworths and agread to have the Lords Supor adminersred on the first Saboth in february if we Could ubtain an admestrator and to have it administrated at Brother Ebenezor Woodards

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Royalton February : 2 - it being Saboth the Lords Supper was ad ministored by Eldor Hovey to our Brethoren at Brother Woodards

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Royalton April : 30th 1800 - at a Chh meating hild at Br Ebenezer Woodards - after Prairs Voted to answer the request of a Commity from woodstock to this Chh, that this Chh would send som of our Bretheren to set with them in Counsel on the old afairs of Eldor Grow which is to meat at Deacon Churchols at

woodstock on the -11- Day of June next- the Chh agread to answer there request and Chose Deacon Billings and Br Ebenezer woodard to attend at the Counsel- it was then agreaid to have a Confarance at Deacon Billinges the last Wedensday in may- and the meating was Disolved after appinting a Confarance the last wedensday in may to meat at Deacon Billinges

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Royalton march -26- 1800: at a Chh meating hild at Deacon Billinges- Present Elder Hovey and Deacon Jedidiah Griswell and urbin Lothrop, these other Bretheren Came to inquiare whather the Chh of Royalton was in Gospel Fellowship and ordor, and if in Gospel ordor why Eldor Hibbard Cannot fellowship Royalton Chh- the meating was opened by praire

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1- Voted and Chose Abraham Waterman Senor moderator of said meating and after much talk Consarning former old Difocaltes which still Continewed between Eldor Hibbard and Sistor Olive Billings- the Chh record was read over- to show the Brethron from Cheley Chh wharein Sistor Billings had Exnoledeged her falt, for what she had said against Eldor Hibbard, to the satisfaction of the Chh although Eldor Hibbard was not fully satisfide as Eldor Hibbard thought Sistor Billings ought to make her Confesion Public before the world-- the meating was Dismist by Giving of thanks and a Confarance was apinted to meat at Br Ebonozer woodards on April :30: which was turned into a Chh meating- and is the last meating before this, and ought to have been mineted down before this of the 26 of march

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Royalton July 30th 1800- this Day the Bretheren meat in Confarance at Deacon Billinges or Chh meating after Praires to God

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1- Voted and Chose Deacon Davison moderator for said meating

2- Voted and Chose Abner Pirkins Clark potemary

3- took into Considoration sundory things that Laibored in the mind of Eldor Hovey Consarning Eldor Hibbard

4- Eldor Hovey Desiored to know the standing betweene Eldor Hibbard and Deacon Peak and after Diligant sarch, found nothing whare by the Chh had Cause of laibour with Deacon Peak but had a maisure of satisfaction with him

Royalton: October the 8th- 1800- then the Bretheren meat in Chh meeting according to appintment at the house of Deacon Billinges- and after Prairs

1: Voted and Chose Deacon Peak moderator of said meating

2- Voted that Brother Rumsey set with us this Day in Counsel

3- Voted that the Chh- will now take into Considoration the sittuation of Sistor Abogaile Hibbard who was laid under Admonition on account of Som Difocaltes with Sistor Olive Billings

the Widdo Hibbard and Sistor Billings talked lovingly togather as they had often Dun before upon which the Brotheren forgave her for all the Complants againste her- and toock of the letor of Admonetion- and Exnoledged that the lettor was sent through inadvertency- without Due Considoration

4-Voted that Brother Waterman Senor is appinted to inquiar aftor Sistor Eunice Woodworth and to make report at our next meating

and that John Hibbard be appinted to inquior into the Circomstances of Brother Culver and report at our next meating- which to be hild at Ebonezer Woodard Juner last Wedensday in October

Royalton October the last Wedensday- 1800- then the bretheren meat in Conferance at Ebenezer woodards Juners in Royalton and had a vary agreable meating- it was opened by praior- and Dismist by Giving thanks and another appinted to be hild at Deacon Billinges the last Wedensday in Novembor at -1- oclock after noon

Royalton Novembor ; 26 - 1800 - then the Bretheren meet in Confarance at Deacon Billinges and after prairs, they Resolved them selves into a Chh meating, for soom specal bisoness

1 - Voted and Chose Deacon Peak modorator of said meating

3 - heard the Excuse of Deacon Peak for not attending the last Confarance meating he was Excused

4 - attended to the Nedy Circomstances of Brother Culver

5 - Voted that we will Give somthing to Brother Culver

6 - Voted to give Sister Bill - now Sister Brown a lettor of Recommondation to aney Baptist Church of our own faith and ordor

7 - Voted to give Brother Cyrus Tracy a lettor of recommend to the Chh of Randolph and Bethel

8 - Voted to send members to the Counsel to be Conveained at Deacon Davis on the : 3 - Wedensday in Decembor next

9 - Voted that Deacon Billings and Deacon Peak should atten the said Counsel

10 - Voted to have mr Ramzey Preach one third of the time in Royalton at the read scool house, if he can be ubtained

the meating was then Dismist by giving of thanks - and a Confarance was appinted to meat in Confarance the last Wedensday in Decembor at Ebenezor woodards Juner in Royalton : at : 1 : Oclock in the Day

Royalton Decembor : 31 ; Wedensday the Br meet a few in Confarance at mr Ebenezer woodards Juners and appinted another Confarance to be hild at Deacon Billinges preparitory to reseveing to Lords Supper

a Confarance was appinted to be hild at Deacon Billinges on the last Wednesday of february - but there was but two that

Came but another Confarance was appinted to be hild at Deacon Billinges on the last wednesday in [February

Royalton February : 25 : this is our Confarance meating Day at Deacon Billinges

Royalton - June : 15 - Lords Day - the Brethoren meat betweene metings and Reseved Brother Elijah Huntingtons request for a lettor of recomondation to the Baptist Church at Brantory his request was voted as follows

the Baptist Church of Christ in Royaltun - sendeth Greating to the Baptist Church of Christ in Brantory - whareas as our Beloved Brother Elijah Huntington has a Desior to move his relation from this Chh to yours - we recommend him to your Brotherly watch and Care as a Brother now in Good Standing with us - and when you shall have reseved him into your fellowship, we shall Consider him as dismist from us - we subcribe our selves your Bretheren in Gospel Bond
Signed in behalf of the Chh - John Billings Clark potemporary.

Royalton August : 26 Day : 1801 - the Bretheren meet in Chh meeting at Deacon Billinges and after prairs
1 - Voted and Chose Brother Abnar Pirkins modorator of sd meeting

2 - Voted that old Brother Abraham waterman and Deacon Billings be appinted a Commity to inquire into the repor ts Consarning Sistor benedicks being the worse for Drink and make report at our next Conforance meeting

3 : Voted that old Brother waterman and Brother Pirkins attend at the quaterly Confarance to be held at Deacon Parkors at Sharon on the : first thirsday in Septembor next

4 : Voted to send membors to the Woodstock association which is to Convine at Clarmont the last Wedensday in Septembor

5 : Voted that Deacon Billings and Deacon peak are appinted to attend at the said asosiation

6: Voted that Deacon Billings right the Chhes lettor to the aso ciation

7: Voted that this meeting is - - - - - - , adjirned untill the first wedensday in October then to meet at Deacon Billings at : 12 Oclock mid Day

Royalton : Novembor the : 25 day : 1801 - the Baptist Chh of Royalton meet at Deacon Billinges at Royalton - after prairs and som Convorsation

1: Voted and Chose old Brother Waterman moderator of said meating

2: Voted to give to Deacon Samuel Peake and his wife a lettor of Recomondation unto the Baptist Chh in Bethel

3: Voted to have the Lords Suppor administord next Saboth if we Can ubtain an administrator - the meating was then Dismist by praior

Royalton Augst 23 day 1803 the Baptist Brotheren of Royalton Ch- met at Decn Billings and Resolved them selves into a Church meeting and voted Abraham Warterman moderator --- the brotheren went into Conversation on a Letter Recd: from Sister Lucy Kellogg Stating that she was not satisfyed with the Doctrin of election and Requested to Join the methodyst --- a Committee was Chosen to Convers with hur (viz) deaⁿ Billings, Abraham Warterman and Ebenʳ Woodard the Church still Conclude and agree to hold monthly Conferances

Royalton October 26 - 1803
at a church meeting of Baptist Brotheren holden at Sister Rosser 1 - Chose Abraham Worterman moderator
2 - agreed to send to the Assotiation to which we belong
3 - Chose Brother Abraham Worterman to attend as our mesinger Chose Decon Billings Scribe - - - - - - - -

Royalton September 22 - 1806
at a Church meeting holden at Abraham Wartermans
1 - Chose John Billings moderator and opned the meeting

by prayer - 2. Voted to send Abagail Dennison a Lettor of excommunication as previous steps has bin taken with hur -- yet no Records in this Book of the Labour with hur on the accounts of the minuts being Lost ---- the Letter is as follows

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the Baptist Church of Christ in Royalton to Sister Abagil Denison -- sendith greeting -- where as we find that you have imbibed the Doctrin of universal Salvation to all men Shewing no Differance betwene the holy and profane nor the unclean and clean see Ezekeil 22 - 26 - Such Doctrin we Cannot fellowship being not agreeable with the eternal word of truth, and allso your Leight Carrage and unchristian behavour and Conversation in the world all which to us is a menifestation of you Disunion with Christ therefore after taken such steps with you as the gospel points out to be taken with an offending Brother or Sister and finding no return from you we find it indispensabley our Duty to withdraw all fellowship with you as a Christian Setting you a side as one having no part or Lot in the matter -- not withstanding this we wish to Continue our prayers for you that god would Convincee you of your Strange wanderings and humble you at his feet by true repentance ---) (John Billings)
in behalf of the Church) (Church Scribe)
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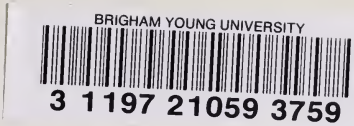

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